REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
December 15, 1986

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held December 15, 1986 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: B. B. Holt, H. W. Leap, H. A. Leet and L. C. Life. R. E. Davis and R. L. Snow were absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Mr. I. J. Conley came before council regarding the alley which was closed, the portion of Barkman Avenue which was vacated and his land which has been subdivided in the North Avenue and "F" Street area. He requested that Mr. Davenport prepare a deed with a drainage easement between Lots 3 and 4 which includes a stipulation that if the drainage pipe stops up it will be the property owner's responsibility.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting November 24, 1986 as presented.

Mr. Monger reported on a letter from the Mayor of Woodstock regarding towns with under 3500 population who maintain their own streets receiving no construction allocation and not being allowed to use maintenance monies for capital improvement. He requested the town adopt a resolution and work toward getting State Statutes changed to remedy this situation.

Councilman Holt suggested we adopt the resolution and prepare a package with the necessary information to go to Senator Miller, Delegate Hanger and Delegate Paul Cline.

Mr. Monger stated work should begin on the budget for 1987-88 within several weeks and those working on this need to know what changes council may want to make in the budget and what salary increases should be included.

Mr. Monger stated he will need to have meetings of the Water, Sewer and Streets Committees after the first of the year.

Mr. Monger presented a request that the town employees be given Friday, December 26th. as a holiday.

Chief Pence reviewed the monthly police report with council. He was then excused from the meeting as he was ill.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of November.

Councilman Leap reported that the Virginia Power rebate was given back to the customers on the October bills which were mailed the first part of November.

Councilwoman Life reported that a letter has been received from a concerned citizen requesting that a traffic light be installed where Rockingham Street crosses Route 340 at the post office. The Streets and Sidewalks Committee has not met but will discuss this at their meeting the first part of January.

Councilwoman Life stated she has been taking a random survey of some homeowners and businesses regarding making E. Rockingham Street one way from Route 340 to where it intersects with E. Spotswood Avenue. This will also be discussed at the committee meeting.

Councilwoman Life stated that a calendar is needed in the council chambers.

Councilwoman Life reported that something else that needs to be discussed is the request to pave the alley next to AmeriGas. This is not a dead issue but will go to the Street Committee. She pointed out that no one person makes a decision on these requests.

Councilwoman Life reported that she is still receiving calls on cable television. She has called Commonwealth Cablevision and talked with Mr. Jenkins. She is working on the problem and would welcome any suggestions.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, this 15th day of December, 1986, that the Town Council of the Town of Elkton, Virginia, requests the support of the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, and the General Assembly of Virginia to repeal those statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia prohibiting towns with a population under 3,500, that maintain their own streets, from receiving construction allocations from the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, in that the funds for these allocations come from all of the towns, cities, and counties in the Commonwealth and, therefore, the allocation of such funds should be made in an equitable manner to all such towns, cities, and counties.

Councilwoman Life stated she would also like to use the forms which are suggested and get a package of information together to send to Senator Miller, Delegate Hanger and Delegate Cline as suggested by Councilman Holt. Council was in agreement with this.

Councilman Leet reported that they would be having a Water and Sewer Committee meeting right after the first of the year.

Councilman Holt reported that he, along with Mr. Monger and Mr. Ishmal Baugher, Chairman of the Elkton Planning Commission, attended the Public Hearing by the county on the possible rezoning of the area west of Elkton for a shopping center. They made some comments and there appears to be some uncertainty as to what the growth is that the Rockingham County Planning Commission said was our area that we were to grow into. The other thing that came out was that the application for rezoning said Elkton water and Elkton sewer. The sewer could possibly be taken care of under the Little Egypt agreement. Councilman Holt stated that while there is no problem with furnishing water as far as they could see, and they would be favorable inclined to furnish water, Elkton has made no committment to do so. They also pointed out to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors that during the Little Egypt discussions, upon several occasions, the town asked if the county would be interested in carrying our water across the river when they took the sewer but there did not seem to be any interest from the county at that time. Councilman Holt feels there is now some interest and the Chairman stated they realize there would have to be a new contract.

Councilman Leap read a letter which was sent to Mayor Dean from The International Institute of Municipal Clerks announcing that Norma R. Leap, Clerk, has been awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk. The letter stated the award recognizes the professional competency of Mrs. Leap in the execution of the most important office of Town Clerk and is granted only after a person has met high educational, experience and service requirements established by the IIMC.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried that council offer its congratulations to Mrs. Leap for this obtainment and this honor.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to approve the proposal including drainage easements on the property between the intersection of North Avenue and "F" Street such property belonging to Mr. I. J. Conley and others as shown on a plat numbered 84-1134 and dated the 10th day of December 1986.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried that since Christmas is on Thursday, the town employees be given Friday, December 26th as a holiday.

Councilman Leet stated he felt there was no reason for anyone to misunderstand the remarks by Councilman Holt regarding the request for water across the river but he wanted to make sure that they understand we would be in favor of furnishing water but we have made no committments at this point.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk