REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 1986

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held October 20, 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, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. Councilman Davis was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Mr. Welty Hensley came before council requesting that Lot 43, Block 18 be redivided as shown on the plat he presented. Mr. Hensley has signed a sales agreement to purchase the building that he is now renting from Alvin and Billie Rosen. This building is located at 405 W. Spotswood Trail and occupies a portion of Lot 43. The Elkton Planning Commission has approved this request.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 15, 1986 as presented.

Mayor Dean stated that Mr. Monger is out of town but had left a report for council members and that each council member could report on any thing they felt necessary during their committee reports.

Chief Pence presented the monthly police report. Councilwoman Life asked if this report could be sent out with the minutes and finance report so they would have time to review it before the council meeting.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the Finance Report for September.

Councilman Snow reported that the Finance Committee, and other council members who wanted to attend, had met with the auditors at 6:30 P.M. this evening and reviewed the town audit. The audit shows that the town has $90,000. less cash as of June 30, 1986 than they did June 30, 1985.

Councilman Snow presented a request from the government teacher at Spotswood High School for the town to consider sponsoring a student to attend the Model General Assembly. The cost per student is $125.00.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the audit report for the year ending June 30, 1986.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to sponsor a student from Spotswood High School to attend the Model General Assembly at a cost of $125.00. The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Life	- yea
Leap	- yea	Snow	- yea
Leet	- yea		

Norma Leap reported on a letter from Price-Cover Insurance regarding the Public Officials and Employees Liability Insurance. This insurance expires October 20, 1986. Our present limit of liability is $1,000,000. with a $1,000. deductible per loss. The following renewal quotations were presented for the council's review.

Limit of Liability	Deductible	Annual Premium
$ 500,000.	$5,000.	$2,874.25
$1,000,000.	$5,000.	$3,567.81

The insurance company needs to know which option the town wishes to take by October 21, 1986.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to select the option of $1,000,000. limit of liability with a deductible of $5,000. per loss at a cost of $3,567.81. The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Life	- yea
Leap	- yea	Snow	- yea
Leet	- yea		

Norma Leap reported that we have received a check in the amount of $1,500.00 for the fire department from the State of Virginia Fire Program's Fund.

Councilman Leap reported that the town has received a refund from Virginia Power in the amount of $10,910.18 and council will need to decide what to do with the refund. The Electric Committee recommends returning the refund to the consumer on the October bill. The refund would go to all consumers on the billing for the month of October with kwh usage and would be refunded per kwh usage through the Fuel Adjustment rate.

Councilman H. W. Leap moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to return the Virginia Power refund to all October consumers with kwh usage on their bill for the month of October through the fuel adjustment factor. The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Life	- yea
Leap	- yea	Snow	- yea
Leet	- yea		

Councilwoman Life reported that they are still trying to find a contractor for the "B" Street project at the Elementary School. If a contractor is not found before too long this project may have to be put on hold until spring due to the type of work involved.

Councilwoman Life reported on the petition which was presented at the last council meeting to pave the alley between Stuart Avenue and Hill Avenue from Spotswood Avenue to "B" Street. Mr. Monger estimates the total cost to do this project at $771.02. In reviewing the petition, all but four of the petitioners are not property owners. They are in the process of contacting the adjacent property owners to see if they wish the town to consider this petition and are willing to pay their share of this project.

Councilwoman Life reported that, weather permitting, a contractor is scheduled to be in Elkton on the weekend of October 26th. to paint parking lines.

Councilman Leet reported that most all of the residents who had problems revealed by the smoke tests have been notified. Those that have responded have been cooperative and seem willing to help correct the problems.

Councilman Leet reported that the town has repaired a bad sewer leak on Blue and Gold Drive which was taking in a lot of water from a wet weather stream. This was probably contributing to our inflow problems.

Councilman Leet reported that Mr. Monger has talked with Don Krueger regarding the sewer line across the river. The bids were way out of line and Mr. Krueger stated he was going to advise the Board of Supervisors to reject all bids and start over with new specifications. Councilman Leet stated he feels the town should see these new specifications before any action is taken.

Councilman Leet stated that we have received a request from the Teamsters Union for a water and sewer hookup out of town to the old rock station on Route 340. Mr. Monger has reported that he sees no problem with this.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried to approve a water and sewer hookup for the Teamsters Union at the old rock store on Route 340 to be done at the union's expense and to the town's specifications.

Councilman Holt reported that since having a First Reading at the September meeting on the cat ordinance, he has talked to council members who feel the ordinance should be broadened to include all animals.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to approve on Second Reading the following ordinance which includes changes to include all animals:

Resolution to Amend the Code of Ordinances
of the Town of Elkton, Virginia, by Adding a New
Section 9-1-5 to Article A of Title 9

ARTICLE A

Animals. Section 9-1-5. Unrestrained Animals on Private Property: It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to allow such animal to go upon or remain upon the lands, buildings or premises of another, or any part, portion or area thereof, after having been forbidden to do so, either orally or in writing, by the owner, lessee, custodian or other person lawfully in charge thereof.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Life	- yea
Leap	- yea	Snow	- yea
Leet	- nay		

Mrs. Lyda Cook reported on a problem with the dogs next door to her running loose. Chief Pence stated they have been working on this problem.

Councilman Holt reported that the Planning Commission has studied Mr. Welty Hensley's request to redivide a portion of Lot 43 and recommends the council approve this request.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to approve Welty Hensley's request to redivide Lot 43 which includes the property located at 405 W. Spotswood Trail as shown on the plat which was presented. The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Life	- yea
Leap	- yea	Snow	- yea
Leet	- yea		

Councilman Holt reported on a letter to the Mayor from Wendell J. Eberly, Recreation Director for Rockingham County, in which Mr. Eberly stated he is interested in expanding their leisure services to all county residents. He stated that with cooperative development between the town recreation commission and the county, together they can create a viable plan that will promote recreational services geared to the needs of the citizens of Elkton. It is Mr. Eberly's desire to make a joint effort with each town to coordinate these services. He is available to meet with either the Town Council or Recreation Commission to discuss the opportunities available. Mr. Holt stated he is passing this letter on to Councilman Snow who is the Chairman of the Elkton Recreation Commission for their consideration.

Councilman Holt reported on a letter from Mr. W. R. Horne and Mr. M. A. Simmerman requesting the council approve and allow the invitation of the procedure to enable them to purchase that portion of Park Avenue which borders on their property. Councilman Holt recommended this be referred to the Planning Commission.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to increase the Real Estate Property tax rate from $0.11 per $100.00 of assessed value to $0.12 per $100.00 of assessed value. The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Life	- yea
Leap	- yea	Snow	- yea
Leet	- yea		

Mr. Davenport reported on this years amendments to the alteration section of streets and sidewalks.

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