REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 1987

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held September 21, 1987 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. R. E. Davis was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Bill Reynolds, owner of Bill's Garage, was present. He came before council regarding the raw sewer running down Spotswood Trail past his property. He stated it is getting worse and he would like to know what council plans to do about this problem.

Mr. Monger stated there is a problem in this area when we have heavy rains. One way to correct the problem would be to replace a portion of the line which would be a costly project. This is part of the inflow and infiltration project which the state has mandated and is suppose to be completed by July of 1988. Mr. Monger felt that some of our previous work had helped this problem.

Mayor Dean referred this problem to the Water and Sewer Committee to see what they can come up with.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting August 17, 1987 and the Special Meeting August 28, 1987 as presented with the exception that the following addition be added to Page 2 of the Regular Meeting, full Paragraph 6, Line 13, after Spotswood Avenue:

"because of having to use the traffic light at Spotswood Avenue and Stuart Avenue."

Mr. Monger reported that the pipe for the water line which will connect with the county line will be ordered tomorrow and should be here in about two weeks. They are working on the easements with the property owners and the railroad and everything seems to be progressing well.

Councilwoman Life asked if the lights are on at the basketball court. Mr. Monger stated that the lights are on but they do not have the new lights on the basketball court. Councilman Snow stated that the tennis court lights need some replacements. Councilwoman Life reported she has received some complaints regarding not having lights on the basketball court and feels this needs to be taken care of immediately.

Councilman Leap asked if the Valley Lunch has installed the heat pump. Mr. Monger stated that for now they have installed the pump on the Printz property side.

Chief Pence answered questions on the monthly police report. He reported he has received written bids on a new police car.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet to authorize the treasurer to borrow $9,600.00 from the Sovran Bank to purchase a 1988 Dodge Aries, 4-door, police car from Allen Cubbage Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge of Stanley, Va. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

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

Mrs. Leap reported that the list of delinquent taxes have not been put in the paper as yet due to the fact that the office staff has not had time to check them thoroughly and there are several things which needs to be cleared with the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Leap reported that she talked with the auditors today and the report was not ready. They will have it ready for the next council meeting.

Councilman Leap reported he has talked with Mr. Judy and feels we will be getting an outside firm in to look over the cablevision system. It will probably be some time next month before this is done.

Councilwoman Life reported she is still getting come complaints on the cable reception. Mayor Dean reported that Commonwealth Cablevision has submitted a list of complaints which they have received for the months of June, July and August and the list is available for review if anyone is interested.

Councilwoman Life reported that the traffic count was done on Spotswood Avenue and Rockingham Street. The Street Committee will meet, review the survey and have a report for the next meeting.

Councilman Leet reported that the water and sewer contracts with the county have been signed and we can look for an increased amount of activity on the water and sewer lines across the river. The county contractor has already moved in some equipment.

Councilman Leet reported that we need to get an easement to cross the Sease property at the edge of town and they have asked for several water connections as compensation. He feels all of these will probably never be used and that this is a reasonable request.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to grant four water connections to C. I. Sease for an easement across his property.

Councilman Leet reported on a letter from E. A. Bernhard, Fluoridation Grant Coordinator, Division of Dental Health, Commonwealth of Virginia, stating that the grant allocating funds for the planning, purchase and installation of the fluoridation system for the Town of Elkton has expired. She is attempting to allocate funds from next years grant funds to assist the town with their debt of $16,787.00 which they have spent over the last three years. She feels it would be helpful to have a letter from the town council indicating their support and desire for fluoridation along with a reasonable expected date of completion. Councilman Leet stated that we have just received the final materials needed to complete this project. He pointed out that we have had numerous delays due to receiving the wrong equipment and he also feels part of the problem has been due to poor designing on the part of the consulting engineers.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to write a letter to the State Department of Health stating we do intend to install the fluoridation system, plan to have it completed by October 10, 1987 and do want the grant.

Councilman Holt reported he has received a letter from Dr. Willard K. Lutz, a public health dentist in Harrisonburg, and feels they have the mistaken idea that the town has been dragging their feet. Councilman Holt feels that council should do everything possible to insure them that the town is enthusiastic about placing fluoride in the town water system.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap to approve on Second Reading the amendment to Section 8-1-1, Article A, Chapter 1, of Title 8, of the Elkton Town Code as printed in the minutes of the regular meeting August 17, 1987. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman Holt reported that they have talked with other people regarding bed and breakfast operations and have received material and information which they have passed on to Mr. Davenport. He is working on an ordinance change which will have the needed definitions and restrictions.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve on Second Reading the appropriation of $62,000.00 to install the water line from Fifth Street to the river bridge. $42,000.00 of this will come from the Water Department sinking funds and the balance from the Repo Account. Plans are to repay the Repo Account with interest beginning next year. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman Leap asked where we stand on the new zoning ordinances. Councilman Holt stated the draft of the proposed changes have been sent to the Central Shenandoah Planning Commission who will review the ordinance, suggest changes to the Planning Commission, prepare a final draft and after approval, print fifty final bound copies. This will probably take about a year.

Councilman Holt reported he has received a letter regarding insurance from Ralph Nader. There is some information available if council would like him to send for this. Council agreed it would be good to write for this information.

Mayor Dean reported he has received a letter from Robert G. Jones, Mayor of Virginia Beach, regarding the November lottery referendum. He included an article he had written in The Virginian-Pilot opposing this as a means of raising revenue for the state. Mayor Dean stated the letter and article are available for anyone wishing to read them.

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