REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 1989

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held September 18, 1989 in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: B. B. Holt, R. B. Hutton, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. R. E. Davis and H. W. Leap were absent. Also present was Dale Davenport, Attorney, Betty H. Engle, Assistant Clerk and Warren Pence, Chief of Police.

Louis Johnson of 515 Park Avenue came late for the Public Hearing and the Mayor explained that Mr. Johnson's objection was to having over around Roland Avenue zoned B-2 which is restricted to one hundred foot lots, and he had bought five lots and used two and would not be able to use the other three. It was determined the lots in question were on Park Avenue.

Councilman Hutton moved, seconded by Councilwoman Life and carried to approve the August minutes as presented.

Mayor Dean reported that Gerald Monger had been in the hospital, but was now home.

Herbert Baugher stated that in his walking he had observed clusters of people standing around cars and on the sidewalks and wondered how this is being treated. Chief Pence said that in 1972 the Supreme Court overthrew the loafing and loitering law, so unless you have a complaint of a violation of the law from a citizen that the Police Department is not authorized to bother these people, however he stated that they do make periodic checks by walking through the groups and talking to them to see if they are consuming alcohol and sometimes make charges, but other than that can do nothing unless there is a complaint.

Councilman Snow moved, seconded by Councilman Holt and carried to approve the Finance Report as presented.

Mayor Dean passed out the preliminary audit report to each council member present to look over, as the auditor will be at the next council meeting October 23rd. to review the report.

Councilwoman Life reported that they were suppose to meet with Mr. Osborne last Wednesday on the drainage across the river and the traffic light on North Stuart, but he was unable to meet with them.

Councilwoman Life reported on the street lights; that she and Councilman Hutton and Chief Pence had riden up to Elkwood and other areas in town. She read a letter from Chief Pence as to his recommendations as to the street lights in Elkwood and other areas of town. As to public safety he had no reason at this time to request additional lights in the Elkwood area. Three reasons were given:

1. Limited vehicle traffic
2. All traffic and crime complaints in the area would be less than 2% of total complaints.
3. This area is covered by street lights equal to or better than all other sections of town.

The recommendation that the Street and Sidewalk Committee would like to present, that they do want to support what the Chief had recommended, and there be a light placed in a simple location in Memorial Park, there is a pole there now and see if that would light up the memorial there, to place a light on Park Avenue, a light be placed or moved to better light the area near the old theatre building as they have a problem with people congregating in the parking area, and felt a light would help,

also a light be placed in such a position to light the two intersections on Route 340 where the entrances to Shenandoah Avenue and Elkwood are. They recommended that Mr. Monger and Chief Pence work on these needs.

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman Holt and carried that Mrs. Leap be allowed to dispose of old records in accordance with the Virginia Records Act.

Councilwoman Life brought up a request from Mrs. Leap that the office be allowed to close during regular business hours one or two days in order to transfer records and file old records, and felt this should be discussed at this meeting.

After some discussion it was suggested by Councilman Hutton that this be done after hours or Saturdays and overtime be paid. All was in agreement with this suggestion.

Councilwoman Life suggested that a Public Hearing be scheduled to discuss a letter that had been received from Mr. Davenport about Adelphia Cablevision before the next meeting October 23rd. It was decided the date would be advertised.

Councilman Holt advised that Jack Osborne and his people had been out surveying the better part of last week concerning the drainage problem.

Councilman Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman Life to approve on the Second Reading to amend Section 8-1-1, Article A, Chapter 1, of Title 8 of the Town of Elkton, Va. as read at the September meeting. The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	-	yea	Life	-	yea
Hutton	-	yea	Snow	-	yea

Mayor Dean brought up having a work session with the Planning Commission. It was decided they would call and if agreeable that they would meet with them at their regular meeting the last Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

Councilwoman Life felt that a letter should be sent to the banks requesting that they take bills the following day without penalty when they fall on a holiday or week-in.

Councilman Snow reported that they had ten applicants for the job of Recreation Director and would make a recommendation at the next meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

RECORDER: Betty H. Engle
Betty H. Engle, Asst. Clerk