REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 1989

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held March 20, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: R. E. Davis, B. B. Holt, R. B. Hutton, H. W. Leap, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Councilman Leap spoke regarding the regular meeting on February 27th. He stated he feels this should be considered a special meeting as the charter provides for setting the regular meeting date, etc. each July and before it has been an act of council to change the time and date of the regular meeting. He pointed out that he agreed when he was called to meet some other time but could not meet on the 27th. of February as he works every Monday night, except the third Monday. He arranged his schedule so he could be present for the regular meeting on the third Monday of each month. He also pointed out that we have a Vice Mayor who is capable of conducting the regular meeting and, outside of some special reason that council cannot have a quorum, they owe it to the public to have the regular meeting on the date set. He feels this is something council ought to look at in the future.

Councilwoman Life pointed out that she was aware that Councilman Leap could not be present but that Norma Waybright had contacted all the council members regarding changing the meeting and she does not feel the meeting would have been set for the 27th. if enough council members had not indicated they would be there.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meetings January 16, 1989 and February 27, 1989 as presented.

Mr. Monger reported that council will need to act on the appropriation of additional funds to cover the past and future bills for finishing the zoning ordinances.

At the last meeting Mr. Monger reported that the fluoride system appeared to be doing okay but there has been problems with it ever since. Mr. Monger feels they have finally got it straightened out. He has talked with the lady regarding the grant on the fluoride and she indicated she was going to process the application. He has not heard anything since talking with her.

Councilwoman Life asked if this would cause any problems now that we are putting fluoride in the water? Should people be notified so they can stop using fluoride supplements? Mr. Monger stated that with the problems we have been having we have not been getting the fluoride into the system so we can't notify anyone until we know it is going out into the system like it should.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the Finance Report for the months of January and February 1989.

Councilman R. L. Snow presented the First Reading to appropriate an additional $3,500.00 for the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission to complete the zoning ordinances.

Councilman Holt reported that they have met four times to go over the zoning ordinances. They have completed the definitions

and are about halfway through the book. They should be able to finish in one more session. Mr. Strieder will then put it into a smooth form and then it will take another session to review the completed form, but it should be a lot better product than it was.

Councilman Davis reported that the Electric Committee plans to meet this week to discuss additional lighting in Elkwood. They have received comments for and against more lights. They will be discussing several other items and will have a report at the next meeting.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried that council go along with EPIC on their race on May 6th. and permission to close off the streets involved for the Fall Festival on October 20th. through the 22nd.

Mr. Monger reported that Mr. Picklesimer has not contacted him regarding the sign on Stuart Avenue. This item cannot be acted on until Mr. Monger gets with Mr. Picklesimer and reports back to council.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to put in an electrical outlet to be available for the EPIC Committee for their Autumn Days at the corner of Henry and "B" Streets.

Councilman Hutton questioned if EPIC is asking for free current. He stated that other organizations have said that if council is going to give EPIC current why don't they give them current also. Councilwoman Life stated that she feels EPIC would be willing to pay for the current if council would not want to donate it.

Councilman Leap stated he feels this outlet should be metered and if council decides to give the current then they would know what is being given. Council was in agreement that this should be a metered outlet.

Councilwoman Life gave a progress report on the caboose. Ties and rails are here but they may need to replace some of the ties so the project is on hold for a short time. She has another $100.00 donation. Letters of thanks were sent to Myers Ford and Merck & Company.

Councilwoman Life reported that the Historical Society is having their Annual Ball April 8th. All proceeds will go toward the restoration of the Stonewall Jackson House.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap to again cut our residential sewer bills to customers signing up in the town office by April 15th. using the base amount of April and running from May through August. Should there be any increase in rates this will go on the cost. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Leap	- yea
Holt	- nay	Life	- yea
Hutton	- yea	Snow	- yea

Councilman Holt reported that as the weather changes we are beginning to have cruising problems again. Generally these people are pretty courteous about letting others get in off the side streets, however it is inconvenient. There are some options the town can consider and he was wondering if council is interested in trying to do something. After some discussion it was decided to asked Mr. Davenport to go ahead with an ordinance in case council decides to try this method and council was asked to give this some thought between now and the next meeting.

Councilman Leap asked Mrs. Leap to contact Mr. Goodson to see what it would cost to write a new utility program.

Councilman Snow reported that the Finance Committee will meet along with the Electric Committee Wednesday night at 7:00 P.M.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to recommend to the court the reappointment of Leroy M. Leap to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Leap's term expired March 1, 1989.

Mayor Dean stated that if anyone on council is interested, or if they know of any citizens that might be interested, in working on the census to please contact him.

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