REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
February 27, 1989

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held February 27, 1989 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, R. B. Hutton and L. C. Life. R. E. Davis, H. W. Leap and R. L. Snow were absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Mayor Dean stated that as a quorum was not present reports could be made but no action taken.

Mrs. LaVerne LaTouche, representing the Elkton Progressive Committee, was present to present the following requests:

"The Elkton Progressive Improvement Committee respectfully requests the Elkton Town Council for special permission to use East Rockingham Street from Stuart Avenue to the town limits, for the first leg of a five kilometer walk and run and a ten kilometer run. The street would not be blocked off, but we would lead and follow the race with special vehicles. The merchants with businesses on or near East Rockingham have largely been contacted and they are supportive of the event. The race is to be held on Saturday, May 6. We are working with local merchants and local organizations to have special promotions and money-raising projects around the town that day.

We would also respectfully like to request the Elkton Town Council for permission to close B Street, between Ashby and Terrace Avenues; Henry Street, between A and B Streets, and Heard Street, between A and B Streets, for Autumn Days 1989. We would like the streets closed to all except residential traffic from 5 p.m. Friday, October 20 to 5 p.m. Sunday, October 22, to set up booths, hold the festival and to take booths down.

We would also like to ask for two special favors. If possible, we would like to arrange for an outlet for the Welcome to Elkton sign to be erected on Stuart Avenue by the Elkton Mennonite Church. Arrangements have been made with the property owners and the design has met with their approval. Secondly, we would appreciate an outlet being made available for Autumn Days at Henry and B Streets to be used by the concession stands on October 21 and 22.

We have appreciated the support of the Mayor and the Council during our second year and look forward to continued cooperation as we work together for a better Elkton."

Mrs. Donna Mowbray, another member of EPIC, was also present.

Mayor Dean stated he felt sure these requests would be approved by council but pointed out that in regards to the "Welcome to Elkton" sign, Mr. Picklesimer will need to get with Mr. Monger and Chief Pence to get an okay on the placement of the sign due to possible obstruction of vision at that intersection.

Mr. Yancey of Eastern Mennonite College was present to meet council and sit in on the meeting. He has a class that will be working in Elkton on a class project.

Mr. Monger presented the following report to council:

1. The estimated costs by Central Shenandoah Planning District to finish the zoning ordinances is $1700.00. Council will need to appropriate $3500.00 to cover the past and future bills for these zoning ordinances.

   Councilman Holt, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Ishmal Baugher, Mr. Strider and Mr. Monger met on Wednesday, January 8, 1989 to go over the definitions in the zoning ordinances. They plan to meet again next Wednesday to continue this and feel it will take about one more time after Wednesday to complete this.

2. Mr. G. W. Berry raised the question at the last meeting if parking would be allowed on the lot next to his home. Nothing could be found in the zoning ordinances that would prohibit use of a vacant lot for parking.

3. The town started pumping fluoride into the water system at 2:47 p.m. on February 10, 1989. They have had a few problems with the pump and have had to prime it several times but everything else seems to be doing well.

4. Mr. Monger met with Bill Strider and Becky Arehart of the CSPDC and after checking survey results, decided not to apply for the grant money for water and sewer in the Pentecostal Hill area due to not enough low/moderate income interest. If the town went ahead with the project and not enough low/moderate income people would sign up for services the town would have to pay for the project. Mr. Monger stated there are some planning grants available if council decides they are interested in applying for one of these.

5. A street inspection was held on Wednesday, February 15, 1989 and no deficiencies were reported.

Mayor Dean reported that the town has received a letter from FmHA offering the opportunity to purchase our FmHA loan at a discount, subject to certain conditions and restrictions. The deadline for purchasing the loan under this program is May 9, 1989. Mrs. Leap was asked to talk to the town's auditors to see if they feel this would be beneficial to the town.

Councilman Holt reported on the meeting with the county planners to discuss growth areas. They presented a rough outline to the county of growth and where we would like to be in about twenty years. He pointed out that they need to look at the areas close to town where there will be growth in the immediate future and immediate controls need to be put into effect.

As there were no further reports, the meeting adjourned.

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

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