REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
May 21, 1990

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held May 21, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: J. R. Correa Jr., B. B. Holt, H. W. Leap, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. R. B. Hutton was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Roger Picklesimer was present to request permission to block "A" and "B" Streets from Ashby to Terrace for Autumn Days, October 21st. and 22nd. He requested council consider making this a standard authorization each year for the third weekend in October unless EPIC would decide to expand or change the location. The second request was for permission to install a nice sign on the south side of the Municipal Building for the Library. Mr. Picklesimer presented a draft copy of the proposed sign.

Councilman Leap pointed out that council has been discussing signs for the Municipal Building and possibly need to consider one sign for everything.

After some further discussion on the signs, Mayor Dean stated there will be a Special Meeting May 30th. He suggested this request be turned over to the Streets & Sidewalks Committee to look into and bring back a recommendation at the special meeting.

Mary Lam, the Roadside Development Chairman for the Blue Ridge Garden Club, was present to talk with council regarding removing the ivy from the big tree in the front yard. They are afraid the ivy will kill the tree.

Mr. Monger stated that they have had different opinions on whether the ivy should be removed. No one will give a definite answer.

Councilwoman Life stated she feels we need to get a professional opinion.

Jo Ann Picklesimer reported she had called the Forestry Service and they said they were not sure if the ivy would kill the tree. They indicated there is a possibility but would not commit as to whether it should be cut out.

Georgia Pacific and James Madison University were mentioned as people to contact regarding the ivy. This matter was turned over to the Streets & Sidewalks Committee to contact an expert for their opinion.

Greg Rion of the Elkton Emergency Squad stated that they were present to clear up any misunderstanding on the fund drive. He was wondering if there is a policy on how many road blocks they can have.

Mr. Monger stated he did not know of any policy. In the past it has been cleared through the Chief of Police.

Chief Pence explained what has been occurring. There are so many organizations wanting to have fund drives and he is trying to be fair to all organizations. He feels it is not fair for one organization to monopolize the weekends.

Mayor Dean stated that later on in the meeting council will be giving the Chief some guidelines in regards to this matter.

Mr. J. H. Early of 410 N. Stuart Avenue was present in regards to the sign placed by EPIC diagonally across from his house. He does not like having to look at it each day and questioned the legality of the sign. If it is legal then he will live with it, otherwise he would like it removed.

Mayor Dean stated that council will have Mr. Davenport check into this and have an answer for Mr. Early in a few days.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting April 16, 1990 and the Special Meeting May 14, 1990 as presented.

Councilwoman Life asked Mr. Monger how the project on Route 340 and Shenandoah Avenue is progressing. Mr. Monger reported that the town is suppose to have their work completed by June 1st. and Vepco and the telephone company are to have theirs completed by June 15th. The Highway Department will be advertising the project shortly.

Councilman Holt asked if there is anything that can be done to get the sand out of the water. Several methods were discussed but most would be very expensive. Mayor Dean asked Mr. Monger to check to see if there is any new technology out that might be helpful in correcting this problem.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried to approve the following resolution:

> RESOLVED, that charitable, recreation, and other non-profit organizations shall be permitted, in the discretion of the Chief of Police, to stop traffic on the streets of the Town of Elkton, other than Virginia State highways, for the purpose of soliciting contributions, no more frequently than four days each calendar year. The specific location, times, and other particulars to be determined by the Chief of Police.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried to approve the Finance Report for April 1990.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to put a float in the Elkton Field Day Parade provided someone can be found to do the float at a cost not to exceed $350.00.

Councilman Leap stated we should inform the Jr. Order that council will participate in the parade.

Councilman H. W. Leap moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to give Mr. Monger permission to connect Ricky G. Dean's property to the town's water main and the appropriate fees be charged.

A committee meeting for the Water & Sewer Committee and the Streets & Sidewalks Committee was set for Tuesday, May 29th. at 8:30 A.M.

Councilwoman Life stated she feels council needs to recognize the long and loyal service of William T. Herring. The town has lost a good employee.

Councilwoman Life reported that Lowell Winegard has had town flags made but she does not know what the cost is as yet. The FHA girls have planted the flowers at the caboose and the FFA will be contributing two picnic tables and benches which will be set in concrete.

Councilwoman Life reported that she has received a reply from the letter to "Good Morning America". They will come if the town will pay $7,000.00 plus traveling expenses. A mobile unit would also be required at a cost of $20,000.00. Councilwoman Life stated she told them "thanks, but no thanks."

Councilwoman Life reported that Mr. Kenneth Whittington still has the problem with trash next to his property in Elkwood.

Mr. Davenport was asked to write a letter to the owners of the property and the person storing the materials asking them to remove these items and the Mayor will sign the letter.

Councilwoman Life reported she has received numerous calls from people saying they hope the Fire Company and Rescue Squad will stay together and personally she feels the same way. The town is contributing money, a building and utilities and she would be hesitant to give any more than we already are contributing.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to set aside "A" & "B" Streets from Ashby to Terrace Avenue the third weekend of every October for EPIC to have their Autumn Days.

Councilman B. B. Holt withdrew his second and Councilwoman L. C. Life the motion.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to allow EPIC to close off "A" and "B" Streets from Ashby to Terrace Avenue the third weekend of October 1990 for Autumn Days and to provide the electrical hookup at their expense.

Mayor Dean asked Councilman Leap to discuss at the Water & Sewer Committee meeting the water and sewer connection fees for Vern Michael. Councilman Leap stated they will also be discussing the line behind Marla Nemoytin's.

Councilman Holt reported that no decision has been made about going to American Refuse Systems for both residential and commercial garbage pickup. He has asked Mr. Monger to go to ARS and ask them to put a contract together for council's consideration at the June meeting.

Councilman Holt reported that they have met with Merck on the park. Mayor Dean stated Merck has sent all the information to their attorneys to see if they can give the town the property and we are just waiting for their decision. No committments have been made by the town.

Councilman Correa asked about the zoning ordinance in regards to roof signs. Mr. Monger indicated that the ordinance needs to be changed as it just doesn't go far enough.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life that in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Sec. 2.1-344(1) council go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation involving a former employee. The vote was recorded as follows:

Correa	-	yea	Life	-	yea
Holt	-	yea	Snow	-	yea
Leap	-	yea			

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session and that each member to the best of his knowledge certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Chapter 21 of Title 2.1 of the Code of Virginia were heard, discussed or considered.

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