REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 1991

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held October 21, 1991 at 8:30 p.m. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: J. R. Correa Jr., L. C. Life, W. E. Printz and R. L. Snow. R. C. Davis and H. W. Leap was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Warren Pence, Chief of Police and Gerald Monger, Town Superintendent were also present.

Mrs. Katie Whitfield, representing EPIC, was present to thank council, town employees and everyone who helped to make their Autumn Days festival such a success.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman J. R. Correa Jr. and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting September 16, 1991 as presented.

Chief Pence presented the monthly police report. He also reported that he has been in contact with the manager of The Hop regarding declaring this a public nuisance.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman J. R. Correa Jr. and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of September 1991.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman W. E. Printz and carried to approve the audit report for the year ending June 30, 1991.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to authorize the Mayor and Treasurer to sign the Funds Transfer Resolution and Agreement required by Sovran Bank to wire the electric payments to VMEA #1.

Mayor Dean reported that while attending the VML Meeting in Roanoke he was made aware that the City of Roanoke has passed a noise-control ordinance. This ordinance prohibits sound that can be heard more than 50 feet from your car. In addition, the ordinance makes it unlawful to create excessive noise such as loud parties, music, shouting, yelling, etc., that can be heard by the neighbors between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. The ordinance was in response to citizen complaints, particularly in the summer, about loud parties, music from cars, vulgar language and blasting stereos. Anyone breaking the new law can receive a fine up to $1,000, possible jail sentence or both. The ordinance is enforced by the police officers and they will typically ask that the noise be turned down before a ticket is issued to appear in court. Mayor Dean stated he would like to see the Town of Elkton pass a similar ordinance.

Councilwoman Life stated we need to have the Second Reading on the proposed Main Street Budget, contingent upon the town being accepted into the Main Street Program.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman W. E. Printz to approve on Second Reading the Main Street Budget which includes $25,000.00 from the Town of Elkton. This vote was recorded as follows:

Correa	-	yea	Printz	-	yea
Life	-	yea	Snow	-	yea

Councilwoman Life reported that she has talked with Mayor Lucas from Shenandoah regarding recycling but that Mayor Souder from Grottoes has not returned her call. The Town of Shenandoah is not interested in going in with the Town of Elkton as they feel their voluntary program is working out very well. Councilwoman Life stated she feels the committee needs to look into this further and that maybe Elkton does not need to put this extra cost onto our citizens if a good voluntary program would work. There was some discussion regarding having a survey done on election day.

Councilwoman Life reported they have hired someone to build the deck onto the caboose. She hopes this will be started soon.

Councilman Correa reported on a letter from Mr. Davenport regarding a Grievance policy change. The requirement that the Grievance Procedure be approved by the State has been removed. The procedure still must be in accord with State Law but the attorney now has to certify to the Clerk of the Circuit Court that it is in compliance. Mr. Davenport has prepared a draft of the proposed Grievance Procedure for a first reading. This procedure will exclude "Officials and employees" who serve at the will of council.

Councilman Correa presented the First Reading on the Grievance Procedure, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

Councilman Correa stated that the Personnel Committee needs to set a date to meet to begin work on the Town Personnel Handbook. The meeting was set for Tuesday, October 29th., at 7:00 p.m.

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