REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 1991

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 21, 1991 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., R. B. Hutton, H. W. Leap, L. C. Life, W. E. Printz and R. L. Snow. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting December 17, 1990 as presented.

Mr. Monger reported that the VMEA #1 will meet February 14, 1991 in Richmond. Council will need to appoint a director to represent the town on this committee. Mr. Monger has been serving in this capacity.

Councilman R. B. Hutton moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to appoint Mr. Monger to serve as the town appointee to the VMEA #1.

Mayor Dean reported on the roof at the Community Building on Terrace Avenue. The roof is in need of repair. They have received several estimates and two different approaches. Mayor Dean explained these to council and stated this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chief Pence presented the police report for December.

Councilwoman Life asked if there is still someone at the front desk to take payments, etc. during the daylight shift. Chief Pence stated that at present there is not someone there every day. Alleen Dean is the only person doing this but he wants to get with Mrs. Leap to see about having Rick Carey do this also. Mayor Dean stated they are also working on this problem in the new job descriptions.

Chief Pence read the following letter addressed to the Mayor and Town Council regarding the Elkton Fire Company and Rescue Squad:

"Dear Mayor Dean and Town Council:

I feel obligated to advise you of deteriorating cooperation between the Elkton Fire Department and the Elkton Rescue Squad. The relationship between these two organizations has gone beyond the personality clashes that existed prior to the division of these organizations.

Equipment is being stolen, misplaced, abused and vandalized to the point that the personal safety of the members and the efficiency of these emergency organizations are in jeopardy.

The loss of trained, professional personnel, who have given thousands of hours of dedicated service to the Town is one of my greatest concerns.

I urge the Mayor and Council to be actively attentive to this situation in an attempt to resolve these matters at the earliest date.

Sincerely yours,

Warren A. Pence
Chief of Police"

He also presented a list of recommendations which he was presenting to both organizations.

Chief Pence stated that all of these problems have developed since the division of the two groups and he is open for suggestions in regards to the situation.

Chief Pence presented copies of a letter he had received from the Elkton Emergency Squad Inc. giving a list of items they feel have been vandalized or stolen in recent months and a list of members and their telephone numbers as requested by the Chief. He has also asked the Fire Company to present a letter listing the same information.

Mayor Dean stated that these are both volunteer groups and council wants to support both groups but cannot condone this conduct.

Mr. Garland Sheets suggested a committee be formed consisting of the Rescue Squad, the Fire Company and Council to discuss this issue to see if it can be resolved.

After some further discussion, Councilman Snow recommended that the town fund the cost for a mediator to meet with both groups if they will agree.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap that if both groups agree on a mediator, the town will pay up to $400.00 toward the cost of the mediator. The vote was recorded as follows:

Correa	-	nay	Life	-	nay
Hutton	-	nay	Printz	-	yea
Leap	-	yea	Snow	-	yea

Mayor - yea

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman W. E. Printz and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of December.

Mr. Monger and Mrs. Leap reported that they have not heard anything from the Utility Study. Mayor Dean asked Mr. Monger to give them a call to check on the progress on the study.

Mr. Monger brought council up to date on the electric service to Benny King's townhouses on Henry Avenue.

Councilman Printz stated that Mr. Monger has been contacted regarding some repair work which is needed in an alleyway that was dug up during some electrical work. This will be repaired in the spring when the contractors come in to do the paving.

Councilwoman Life asked that when the Streets & Sidewalk Committee meets, they discuss setting up a procedure to determine land cost when closing alleys and they take a look at the mud problem on Park Avenue.

Councilman Printz reported that they have been working on the Park Avenue problem.

Councilman Leap reported that the Water & Sewer Committee met and reviewed the proposed contract submitted by Anderson & Associates for the engineering work on the Newtown Road project. The committee recommends council hire Anderson & Associates to do this work.

Councilman H. W. Leap moved, seconded by Councilman W. E. Printz to hire Anderson & Associates for a total amount of $10,000.00 and give Mayor Dean the authority to sign the contract and any other documents necessary on the town's behalf. The vote was recorded as follows:

Correa	-	yea	Life	-	yea
Hutton	-	yea	Printz	-	yea
Leap	-	yea	Snow	-	yea

Councilman H. W. Leap presented the First Reading to appropriate $10,000.00, $5,000.00 from Sewer and $5,000.00 from Water, to pay for engineering services that will be contracted for Anderson & Associates to provide.

Mayor Dean thanked Councilwoman Life for organizing the Tree Dedication Saturday and Norma Leap, Betty Engle and Norma Waybright for decorating the porch of the Municipal Building, etc. He also thanked all who helped to make this program a success.

Councilwoman Life reported on the Tree Dedication and thanked all who participated and helped with the project. Approximately two dozen people met Saturday morning to help put the bows on the wire. There were 110 bows placed on the tree and there are well over 50 more to be put on the tree. Thirteen organizations participated and nine businesses. Three radio stations were contacted and announcements made prior to the event, it was covered by Channel 3 T.V. and the Valley Banner agreed to print all the names of those placing ribbons on the tree. She expressed her displeasure with the Daily News-Record who gave us no prior coverage and then stated in an article after the event that later in the evening several people tied yellow ribbons on a tree in Elkton. There were over two hundred people in attendance at this event. Senator Kevin Miller made an appearance and spoke briefly to the crowd. Councilwoman Life stated she feels the Daily News-Record owes Elkton an apology for their inaccurate account of our dedication.

Councilwoman Life reported that the town needs to put a light on the flag at the triangle or take it down at night. Mr. Monger stated that he still isn't sure what the owner's plan to do.

Councilwoman Life stated she did not have anything on recycling. She reported she did take some more pictures at the dump and feels we are going to have to come down a little harder on paving. Other members of council also felt the town needs to take a firm stand on this dump issue.

Councilman Correa reported that the revised job descriptions for the Police Department and Maintenance Department are completed. Copies were distributed to council for any comments they might have. The Personnel Committee will meet January 30th to finalize the department heads job descriptions.

Councilman Correa presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously by council:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elkton Town Council supports our armed forces currently deployed in the Desert Storm Operation in the Persian Gulf.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Elkton is proud to have its residents serve their country so admirably.

Committee meetings were changed to the Wednesday night before the regular council meeting.

Councilman Correa reported on the Rockingham Municipal League meeting. Recycling was discussed at this meeting. The Town of Elkton will host the next Rockingham Municipal League meeting the third Wednesday in April.

Mr. Davenport reported that he has sent each council member a summary of the changes on this cable franchise business. This expires in August of 1992.

Mrs. Leap was asked to put an advertisement in the paper regarding no utility bill extensions after February 1st and that the penalty will increase to 10%.

Councilman Correa suggested the Recreation Commission consider building an ice skating rink in the park and that they look into the cost to do this.

Mayor Dean reported we are talking to other towns regarding the VML Insurance Program. Mr. Davenport is working with Mr. Monger on this.

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

SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
February 13, 1991

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held February 13, 1991 at 7:00 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. B. Hutton and H. W. Leap were absent. Norma Leap, Clerk and Gerald Monger, Superintendent were also present.

Councilman J. R. Correa Jr. 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 for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purposes and discussion of prospective candidate for employment and performance of a specific employee. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman J. R. Correa Jr. to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman J. R. Correa Jr. moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow that each council 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. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

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