SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
December 30, 1991

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, December 30, 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., R. E. Davis, M. B. Fuller, L. C. Life, W. E. Printz and R. L. Snow. Norma Leap, Clerk and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Chief Pence reported that he has been unable to contact Mr. Wilder by telephone or in person regarding The Hop. He has left two letters at this business location and has received no response. The Hop has not been open for business since the last meeting and Showalter Music has removed all of their equipment. As Mr. Wilder nor Mr. Leigh were present to discuss the recommendation by Chief Pence that council revoke The Hop's business license and declare the business a public nuisance, no action was taken.

Councilman J. R. Correa Jr. presented his resignation from council effective 7:05 p.m. December 30, 1991. He stated he has enjoyed his time on council and has learned a lot, especially from the Mayor. He considered it a privilege and honor to serve and thanked council for appointing him to council the first time he served. He encouraged others to take part in service to their community. He reported he has called Senator Nolan about the sidewalk problem in front of Benny King's business and also our delegate.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow to accept the resignation of Joseph R. Correa Jr. The vote was recorded as follows:

Correa	- yea	Life	- yea
Davis	- yea	Printz	- yea
Fuller	- yea	Snow	- yea

Mayor Dean and the council expressed their appreciation to Mr. Correa for his years on council. They stated he had gotten a lot done and it was a pleasure to have worked with him.

Mayor Dean reported that Mr. Fred Bennett is the only person who has contacted him expressing interest in being appointed to council to fill Mr. Correa's term.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow to appoint Fred A. Bennett to fill the council position of Joseph R. Correa Jr. until June 30, 1992. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Printz	- yea
Fuller	- yea	Snow	- yea
Life	- yea		

Mr. Correa stated, if council so desires, he will continue working with the Personnel Committee until the Personnel Handbook is ready to be presented to council. Council was in agreement to have Mr. Correa continue working with the committee until the work is completed.

Mr. Correa stated he would welcome input from council regarding county or town issues and that he will keep in tune with concerns affecting the towns.

Mayor Dean suggested Councilwoman Fuller be appointed to the Personnel Committee and Councilman Bennett to the Water and Sewer Committee. There were no objections from council.

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

REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 1992

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 20, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: R. C. Davis, M. B. Fuller, L. C. Life, W. E. Printz and R. L. Snow. Fred A. Bennett was absent. Dale A. Davenport, Attorney, Norma R. Leap, Clerk, and Warren A. Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Mrs. Hazel Crider was present regarding her request for more lights in the Elkwood area. She feels they deserve three more lights in that area. She also spoke again regarding updating the salaries in the Public Safety area. Mrs. Crider said it is time council takes a better look at this problem.

Mr. Dean Heestand of the Elkwood area reported that it is dark in his area and requested council to look into putting up more lights.

Mr. Richard Armstrong of the Elkwood area also requested more lights and stated he feels there is a need for three more in the subdivision.

Mr. Whittington of the Elkwood area also spoke in favor of more lights in that area. He reported that a street light fell off on Blue & Gold Drive over a year ago and has still not been fixed. He reported this to Mr. Monger and a Council Member when it first happened. He also reported that there is a bad water leak at 162 Sweetgum Street and water has been running out of the meter for over two months. Mr. Whittington also commented on an accident which happened involving two cars. The people were told no summons would be issued and then six days later they were issued.

Mr. John Adams, President of the EDRC, was present to give an update on the Main Street Project. The program is slated to be cut from the State Budget. Representatives from the EDRC attended the State Budget Hearings. Mr. Adams feels the Main Street Program is not a dead issue and they plan to continue working toward having it funded in the upcoming budget. He gave council members a list of the names and addresses of some of the legislators, the members of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee. He asked council to contact as many of these people as possible to ask that they support restoration of funding to the Virginia Main Street Program.

Mr. Adams requested council to meet with the EDRC either Tuesday, January the 28th. or Monday, February 3rd. at 7:00 p.m. He stated that they can't just sit around waiting for the Main Street Program but have to plan where they want to go from here if the program is discontinued.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting December 16, 1991 and the Special Meeting December 30, 1991 as corrected.

Chief Pence stated if there were any questions on the monthly police report, he would answer them.

Councilwoman Life commented on the article in the Daily News-Record written by Byran Smith on January 16, 1992. The article was pertaining to the shooting in Elkton and in the last sentence of the article Mr. Smith referred to the shooting as the first one for the year. Councilwoman Life took exception to the statement and stated it is hard to improve your image when reporters make such negative statements. She also pointed out that Elkton has not had that many shootings over the years.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilwoman M. B. Fuller and carried to accept the Finance Report for the month of December 1991.

Councilman Snow commented on the statement made by Mrs. Hazel Crider that the police salaries were less than those in the surrounding areas. He stated that the Personnel Committee had taken a survey within the last year and that the salaries of all the town employees were comparable to the other towns. Councilman Snow pointed out that we cannot hope to compete with Richmond, Merck & Co. or other bigger areas. He also reported that the Personnel Committee is working to update the pay scale.

Mayor Dean stated that they will be working on the budget within the next few months and salaries will be considered at that time.

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for participating in the survey regarding street lights in Elkwood and for coming out tonight to express their concerns.

Councilman Davis stated they had talked with Chief Pence and that there is not a rash of crime in that area but that the committee had wanted to get some input from the neighborhood. Forty-six survey forms were sent out and they have received twenty-nine replies. Eighteen replies favored more light and eleven were opposed. Thirty-seven percent did not respond to the survey which he feels indicated they did not feel more lights are needed. Councilman Davis stated that at this point he does not feel more lights are warranted. The lights in Elkwood are closer together than most of the other residential areas in town. The committee did not look into the type of lights in the Elkwood area or the location of the lights but felt maybe this needs to be addressed.

Councilman Printz complimented Councilman Davis on the survey but stated he feels council members need to take another look at this area before making a decision.

Chief Pence stated that from a public safety standpoint there is very little crime in the Elkwood area and that in doing a random check the lights in Elkwood are about 265 feet apart compared to over 400 feet apart in other residential areas in town.

Councilman Snow suggested looking into relocating some of the lights and also checking on different lights which might spread out the lighting rather than having it shining straight down.

Councilman Davis said his committee would look into changing and moving some of the lights.

Councilwoman Life stated she feels council should not put off giving these people an answer any later than the February meeting.

Councilman Printz reported that he, Councilwoman Life and Robert Turner spent some time this afternoon reviewing the streets and street problems in town. They hope they have the solution to Mr. Louis Johnson's problem but want to take it to committee one more time. Dead end signs were discussed by the committee.

Councilman Printz stated he had talked with Mr. Correa regarding the sidewalk in front of Mr. Benny King's business. Mr. Correa is talking with some representatives and asked that the Street Committee hold up for awhile until he completes his discussions. He also reported that the committee needs to get with Mr. Monger on the water problem on Spotswood Avenue. There was some discussion regarding the 25 Mile Speed Limit Sign at the lower end of town within a few feet of the 35 Mile an Hour Sign. They felt this was confusing. Chief Pence stated that was for informational purposes to let people know that unless otherwise marked the speed limit in town will be 25 Miles Per Hour.

Mayor Dean stated he hopes to have plaques ready by the next meeting to present to Councilman Leap and Councilman Correa to show our appreciation to these gentlemen for their dedicated service to the town.

Councilwoman Life reported that her committee had met with representatives from Grottoes, Stanley and A.R.S. regarding recycling. She was disappointed in the prices. It looks like it will run $2.50-$3.00. A.R.S. is to send the town a letter quoting prices but the town has not received the letter as yet.

Councilwoman Life reported that she is working to get $500.00 or more in donations to complete the caboose project. She has some rought figures on what it will take to complete this project but plans to have a finished report for the next meeting.

Councilwoman Life stated they are working on the trash problem on Henry Avenue but would rather have a full committee before making a recommendation to council.

Councilwoman Life asked if the Recreation Commission is still taking applications for director. Councilman Snow stated they have a few applications and still accepting them.

Mayor Dean asked if the Recreation Commission would be willing to come up with a recommendation for signs at the parks. Councilman Printz was asked to get with the Recreation Commission on this.

Councilman Printz reported that they are meeting with Mr. Lineberry of the State Highway Department Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Pizza Hut to discuss the crosswalks downtown.

Mayor Dean reported that there are quite a few leaks in the roof at the Fire Company building and it looks like it will cost approximately $14,000 to $15,000 to fix it. The building also needs repairs to the doors and painting. Councilman Snow was asked to get some prices to present to council at the next meeting.

Mayor Dean reported that he has obtained some information regarding Mr. Holt's complaint of sand in the water. He has given this information to Mr. Monger to investigate.

Councilwoman Fuller reported that the first draft of the Employee's Handbook has been distributed for council's review.

Councilwoman Fuller reported that she has attended a Virginia Housing & Community Development Block Grant Workshop. She brought back some information concerning this and application forms for a planning grant. Council would have until May if they decided to apply for a grant. This needs to be considered either in council or committee.

Councilwoman Fuller reported that the Personnel Committee will meet next Monday at 6:00 p.m. to review the draft of the handbook. Council members were asked to contact the committee if they have any suggestions for changes to the handbook.

Councilwoman Fuller suggested council come up with some type of formal mechanism for responding to citizens requests. The Personnel Committee was asked to look into this suggestion.

Councilman Printz stated in talking with Chief Pence he was happy to hear we have ordered our new police car. He was surprised to discover the car is not made in the United States. He suggested that the town try in the future to buy products made in the U.S.A. if possible.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilwoman M. B. Fuller to approve on Second Reading the ordinance to amend Title Four of the Code of Ordinances of Elkton, Virginia by adding Chapter Five Solid Waste Recycling Reporting as printed in the minutes of December 16, 1991. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	-	yea	Printz	-	yea
Fuller	-	yea	Snow	-	yea
Life	-	yea			

Council will meet with the EDRC Tuesday, January 28, 1992 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