REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 1992

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held September 21, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, M. B. Fuller, W. E. Printz, R. L. Snow and T. R. Whitfield, III. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Betty H. Engle, Assistant Clerk and Warren Pence, Chief of Police.

There were approximately twenty-five people present speaking in defense of cruising and gathering on the streets. Each person present was given a chance to speak if they wished to do so. Some of the complaints heard were one policeman telling them they could park at a particular location and then, after a shift change, the policeman coming on duty would tell them they had to move. They also suggested more trash cans be made available; when a resident wanted to get through town that they use one of the other streets rather than main street. They also questioned why a merchant could put their antiques on main street and they could not stand on them. They said they did not make trouble and always cleaned up their trash. they also did not want to be video taped while standing around on the street. Chief Pence agreed that this group did clean up the trash and that sometimes the video camera is used to show the good habits people have and not just the bad ones. Councilman Printz wanted the questioned answered as to where the group could park without being asked to move. Mayor Dean suggested that the group choose several people to represent them, and meet with the Public Safety Committee and Chief Pence and see what and if something could be worked out.

Councilman Whitfield assured the group that at this time the Ordinance Committee is not considering a Cruising Ordinance.

Councilman Snow moved, seconded by Councilman Bennett and carried to accept the minutes of the August 17, 1992 meeting as presented.

Sergeant Marshall and Chief Pence were given awards from Larry and Vince, the buckle up for safety dummies, for their awareness of educating and encouraging motorist to use seat belts.

Joe Correa was present and asked council about the county dump and what they wanted to improve the appearance.

Councilwoman Fuller moved, seconded by Councilman Whitfield to remove the bolders and replace them with trees and to also plant trees on the southside of the dump to seclude it from the view of new Route 33. The vote was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Bennett, Davis, Fuller and Whitfield

Nays: Printz and Snow

Councilman Bennett raised a concern of water washing debris that was buried years ago out of the river banks when the old dump was there and if there might be something done about it.

Mr. Joe Correa, County Supervisor and council also discussed the Newtown Road Project, and expanding the water and sewer lines to that area. A poll of 60% of the homes in that area indicated only a small percentage were interested in that service.

Councilman Bennett moved, seconded by Councilwoman Fuller and carried that the town and county have a joint meeting and asked VDOT to set back the Newtown project for one year while the town seeks possible funding.

Councilman Snow moved, seconded by Councilman Bennett and carried to accept the August Finance Report as presented.

Councilman Snow reported that the audit report has been completed and a meeting date will be set up with the auditors and council.

Councilwoman Fuller presented the First Reading for a request for an additional $4,000.00 to buy two additional Micro Computers with the same Specs as other computer hardware that is being purchased.

Councilman Davis presented a First Reading on a request by VMEA #1 for two additional generators to be installed at the Manassas plant. The town's portion would be $15,203.16.

Mayor Dean announced there will be a Special Council meeting on Monday, September 28, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. to have Second Readings on purchasing two additional computers and generators. Council will also act on the request of Raymond Gooden on changing lot size requirements in Elkwood.

Councilman Printz reported that the sidewalk in front of Benny King's business on Spotswood Trail has been finished and they are reviewing others that need to be repaired. The one at Nationwide Insurance has been put on the priority list.

Councilman Printz reported on complaints about the loud train whistle. He handed out copies of the DLB reading with the calibration of noise level. It was suggested that maybe the trains could slow down when coming through town and therefore cut down on the noise level of the whistle.

Councilman Whitfield reported on the meter readings for water and electric. He feels that Joe Shifflett is doing a good job and that the readings will level off to everyones satisfaction.

Councilman Whitfield also suggested that name plates be furnished for the Commission members and also consideration be given to someone typing minutes for them since their time is donated. It was mentioned that possibly a dispatcher or someone else could do this.

Councilman Whitfield moved, seconded by Councilwoman Fuller to approve on Second Reading on Section 7-1-39 Precious Metals Dealers and Section 8-1-1 and Section 8-1-2, Article A, Chapter 1, of Title 8, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Elkton, Virginia as presented in the minutes of August 17, 1992. The vote was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Bennett, Davis, Fuller, Printz,
Snow and Whitfield

A Personnel Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

The regular council meeting will be rescheduled from October 19, 1992 to October 12, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. due to the VML Meeting in Hampton.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

RECORDER: Betty H. Engle
Betty H. Engle, Asst. Clerk