REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 1992

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 15, 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, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. W. E. Printz was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police.

Mr. Clyde McDaniel was present to speak regarding the request to rezone Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6, Block 36, Section 2 which are located on the North Side of Washington Avenue from R-4 to M1 Light Industrial/Business. Mr. McDaniel asked that council approve this request and rezone these lots to business.

Mr. Benny King was present and spoke regarding the new playground facilities "Fort Stonewall". He stated that people are happy with the way this facility has worked out. He suggested that the town consider closing Stonewall Memorial Park at nights after the last activity. He also suggested that a fence be installed to keep people from going up and down the banks.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman F. A. Bennett and carried to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting May 26, 1992 as presented.

Councilwoman Life congratulated Mrs. Norma Leap on being honored as Clerk of the Year by the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association.

Councilwoman Life also commended EPIC for their project "Fort Stonewall" and EDRC on the work they have done which resulted in the Town of Elkton being accepted into the Virginia Main Street Program.

Councilwoman Life reported that the town has purchased two flags for the caboose.

Councilwoman Life also suggested that the orientation session for the employees on the new handbooks be held during work hours.

Mr. Monger presented a written report and a recycling report to council and answered questions concerning the reports.

Mayor Dean stated that if any small businesses would like a recycling container they should call Mr. Monger to see what they need to do.

Councilwoman Life reported that the town has been absorbing cost of the recycling and will continue to do so until July 1, After July 1, 1992 these costs will be passed on to the consumer.

Chief Pence presented the monthly Police Report and answered questions regarding his department.

There was some discussion regarding the yield and stop signs in town. Mr. Monger reported that there are approximately 50 yield signs which have to be replaced by stop signs.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilwoman M. B. Fuller and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of May 1992.

A special council meeting was set for June 23, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. to have the Second Reading on the 1992-1993 Budget, the First Reading on the 1992-1993 Budget Appropriations and the First Reading on the 1991-1992 Budget Transfers and Additional Appropriations.

A special council meeting was set for June 26, 1992 at 5:30 p.m. to have the Second Reading on the 1992-1993 Budget Appropriations and the Second Reading on the 1991-1992 Budget Transfers and Additional Appropriations.

Councilman R. C. Davis moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to approve the contract with Virginia Power for the purchase of electric service by municipalities and counties of the Commonwealth of Virginia and that the Mayor be authorized to sign this agreement.

Mr. Monger reported that VDOT is suppose to start the sidewalk on the lower end of town today or tomorrow.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow to adopt the purposed changes in the Zoning Ordinances listed as A through P in the Public Hearing notice.

There was considerable discussion regarding the changing of lot sizes after they were upgraded and increased in the new zoning ordinances.

The vote was taken on the motion and recorded as follows:

Bennett	-	nay	Life	-	nay
Davis	-	yea	Snow	-	nay
Fuller	-	nay			

Councilwoman M. B. Fuller moved, seconded by Councilman F. A. Bennett and carried 5 to 0 to reconsider the previous motion on the zoning ordinance changes.

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Councilwoman Life stated that she is not at all happy with the letter from Rockingham County concerning the dump. The Fire Company did try to wash off the boulders, without much success, but she feels more can be done. Mayor Dean stated that some things have been moved as of today and it does look better.

Councilwoman Life reported that the framing of the windows and flooring has been done at the caboose. She would like to see this project completed by June 30th but does not want to rush it. She is willing to continue with this project until it is completed if council wants her to do so.

Councilman Bennett reported that the Water and Sewer Committee met and discussed sand filters for the well. The committee decided to pursue the cost of filters. Mr. Monger talked with Mr. Dave Shoap of Leland Equipment Inc. regarding setting an appointment for Thursday or Friday to meet at the well to go over what is needed for installation of filters.

Mr. Monger reported that he has talked with Mr. Bill Strider of the CSPDC regarding our application for a Planning Grant. Mr. Strider does not feel there is enough time to complete this application. They also discussed the possibility of a Project Grant on the Route 759 Project. VDOT is willing to postpone their construction dates if the county is willing to go in with the town on applying for this grant. The first step would be to see if the county is interested. Mr. Monger was asked to contact Mr. Veno regarding this.

Councilwoman Fuller reported that the handbook is not ready due to some conversion problems. The Orientation Session has been postponed and she hesitates to set another date until she knows the book is ready.

Councilwoman M. B. Fuller moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to adopt the pay rate schedule as presented at the last meeting.

Councilwoman Fuller reported that the Personnel Committee is holding off on the Personnel Management System until the Employee Handbook is in place.

Councilwoman Fuller presented a Certificate of Recognition which was presented to the Town of Elkton for their entry into the Main Street Program. She reported briefly on the 1992 Communities Training Session which was held in Richmond. Mr. John Adams, Mr. Bill Holt, Ms. Debbie Driver, Councilwoman Marsha Fuller, Leroy Leap, Norma Leap and Tom Whitfield attended this session. Mayor Dean and Councilman Snow were present on Wednesday evening at the reception to honor new communities and for the presentation of the Certificate of Recognition.

Councilwoman M. B. Fuller moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried 5 to 0 to table the zoning ordinance matter until the next regularly scheduled council meeting in July.

Councilwoman M. B. Fuller moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to approve the following resolution to participate in the Group Life Insurance Program through the VRS:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Town of Elkton, Virginia, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, acting by and through the Town Council, does hereby elect to have those of its employees and officers who are regularly employed full time on a salary basis and whose tenure is not restricted as to temporary or provisional appointment, to become eligible to participate in the Group Life Insurance program, effective July 1, 1992, as set out in Section 51.1-500 through Section 51.1-514 of the Code of Virginia, as such Code has been or may be amended from time to time; and the Town agrees to pay the required employer cost for its eligible employees and, further, to deduct from employees' wages and to pay over in the manner prescribed the employees' portion to the extent that such employees' portion is not paid by the Town.

Now, therefore, Charles E. Dean, Mayor of the Town of Elkton, and Norma R. Leap, Clerk of the Town Council, are hereby authorized and directed in the name of the Town Council to execute any required contract in order that said employees of the Town may become eligible to participate in the group life insurance program as provided in the aforementioned sections of the Code of Virginia. In execution of any contract which may be required the seal of the Town shall be affixed and attested by the Clerk, and said officers of the Town are authorized and directed to pay over to the Treasurer of Virginia from time to time such sums as are due to be paid by the Town and its employees for this purpose.

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