SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 1993

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 10, 1993 at 9:00 p.m. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The roll call is recorded as follows:

PRESENT

F. A. Bennett
R. C. Davis
M. B. Fuller
W. E. Printz
R. L. Snow
T. R. Whitfield III

Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Mayor Dean stated that the first item on the agenda was the consideration of the appoint of a town manager position.

Councilwoman Fuller gave some background information regarding what has transpired to this point regarding the town manager position.

Councilwoman M. B. Fuller moved, seconded by Councilman Thomas R. Whitfield III that the town council of the Town of Elkton, by the authority of Section 6 of the Charter of the Town of Elkton, employ a town manager based on the same recommendations that were made in the February 15th council meeting.

Councilman Davis asked if there is a job description and Mayor Dean stated that they do not have one at this time but if the motion passes this will be done before advertising.

Councilman Bennett asked if the Finance Committee has brought back any suggestions regarding funding this position. Mayor Dean stated they have not met since the first budget proposal.

Councilman Snow and Councilman Bennett spoke in opposition to hiring a manager at this time. They pointed out that there are a lot of projects which need to be done and will require a lot of money. They felt council owes it to the citizens to exhaust all other alternatives and approaches before taking this step.

Councilman Davis stated his concern is that there are no specifics as to what this person is going to do. He feels a job description should be developed before taking any action.

Councilwoman Fuller, Councilman Printz and Councilman Whitfield spoke in favor of a manager. The consensus was that a good, knowledgeable, trained administrative person would be an asset to the town. They pointed out that the present Department Heads have done a great job and the contributions they have made are immeasurable. This would be a help to the Department Heads and will give them more specialized direction and support. They feel the community deserves the highest level of service and the certainty of a cost effect government and this would help accomplish that goal.

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

YEAS: M. B. Fuller, W. E. Printz, T. R. Whitfield III, and Mayor C. E. Dean

NAYS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis and R. L. Snow

Mayor Dean explained his vote by stating that he ran for council in 1974 and was in favor then of a town manager. He agrees that, looking at the business aspect, this is the way to run the town government. This person would be here everyday and in control of the decisions which need to be made and the administrative duties. Mayor Dean also praised the Department Heads and pointed out that this is no reflection on their performance.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilwoman M. B. Fuller to go into Executive Session in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss a prospective Recreation Coordinator. The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, M. B. Fuller, W. E. Printz, R. L. Snow and T. R. Whitfield III

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilwoman M. B. Fuller and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Mayor Dean requested a roll call vote certifying that to the best of the member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the executive meeting was convened were heard discussed or considered in the meeting by this public body.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, M. B. Fuller, W. E. Printz, R. L. Snow and T. R. Whitfield III

Councilman Snow reported that due to technical difficulties associated with their attempts to hire a Recreation Coordinator, there will not be a recommendation forthcoming tonight. Interviews will be set up for next Tuesday night to reinterview the people that the Recreation Commission interviewed previously.

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