# SPECIAL
# COUNCIL MEETING
# July 29, 1996

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held July 29, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT

F. A. Bennett
M. L. Dearing
A. D. Dixon
W. E. Printz
R. L. Snow

ABSENT

D. H. Dail

Norma Leap, Clerk, Theodore Pence, Director of Parks and Recreation and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Mayor Dean stated the purpose of the meeting was to discussed the Town Manager's position.

**Town Manager's Postion**

**Councilman M. L. Dearing moved, seconded by Councilman F. A. Bennett that, effective September 6, 1996, council terminate the Town Manager and not renegotiate the Town Manager's contract.**

Councilman Dixon stated that during an Executive Session in June, it was his understanding that they had reached a compromise on a six month extension.

Councilman Printz stated it was his understanding that Mr. Costin was not interested in a six month extension.

Councilman Dearing stated that Mr. Costin had told them that night that he was not interested in an extension.

Councilman Snow stated that Mr. Costin also asked that if he got something before the contract ended would they agree to his leaving early. This was agreeable with those present.

Mayor Dean clarified that Mr. Costin stated he would be interested in anything up to a year provided his notice was lessened to thirty days.

Councilman Dearing indicated that this was not an easy decision. He had campaigned against the Town Manager and Superintendent basically doing the same job and he was elected by 67% of the voters. He has given a lot of thought to this question. From the beginning, the decision to hire a Town Manager was not popular. It was not popular among the voters or taxpayers but was a popular decision among the business people. He has continued, since the election, to talk to the voters to see if his position was correct. The business community is still supportive of the Town Manager, however the people are still opposed. Councilman Dearing stated he was elected by the people on his stand on this position and he could not, nor would not, go against that.

**A vote was taken on the motion and recorded as follows:**

**YEAS:** **F. A. Bennett, M. L. Dearing, A. D. Dixon and R. L. Snow**

**NAYS:** **W. E. Printz**

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

**RECORDER:** _____
Norma R. Leap, Clerk