REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 1997

The regular council meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 20, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers with Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT

F. A. Bennett
D. H. Dail
M. L. Dearing
A. D. Dixon
R. L. Snow

ABSENT

W. E. Printz

Gerald Monger, Town Manager/Superintendent, Dale Davenport, Attorney, Warren Pence, Chief of Police, Theodore Pence, Director of Parks & Recreation and Nancy Sours, Treasurer/Clerk were also present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Hazel Crider

Mrs. Crider requested information from the last meeting regarding the light situation in Elkwood. She stated there are approximately fifty-five homes in Elkwood with inadequate lighting. Mrs. Crider asked the status on the intersection at Route 340 and Hillside. She expressed urgency on this matter and was under the impression the town was to take immediate corrective action. Mrs. Crider mentioned the eye sore of the dump site coming into town. She feels this is a safety hazard and a poor reflection on the town. She recommended that the town concentrate on cleaning up the streets.

Lucille Shifflett

Mrs. Shifflett asked the council not to change the May election date. Mrs. Shifflett also commented on the poor condition of the streets and sidewalks. She also pointed out that children have been skate boarding in the streets. She asked why any improvement work has not been done on East Spotswood Avenue.

Marsha Deavers- EDRC Quarterly Report

Mrs. Deavers presented the EDRC second quarter report. She reported the following programs are completed;

1. Two facades were completed
2. Planted additional trees and shrubs
3. Four new businesses opened
4. Established three small business seminars
5. Assisted in library donation
6. New town maps were distributed

Mrs. Deavers also stated that EDRC has agreed to be a co-applicant in Phase II of the ISTEA Grant.

David Hensley

David Hensley, Gibbons Avenue stated his water service was disconnected on January 13, 1997. Mr. Hensley further said that he did not wish to pay the reconnection charge and asked that it be waived.

Ms. Sours stated a disconnection notice was mailed to Mr. Hensley on January 2, 1997.

Mayor Dean said that the council will address this issue under new business.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dean opened the regular council meeting.

Councilman Bennett presented the opening prayer.

Councilman Dearing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Councilman Dearing noted the following two corrections under citizens comments in the December 16, 1996 Regular Council Meeting minutes:

1. The request from Mr. Craig was to open the boat landing instead of the park.
2. Mr. Armstrong requested additional street lights be placed in Elkwood

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman D. H. Dail and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, December 16, 1996 and Special Meeting December 26, 1996 as presented, with the noted corrections for the December 16, 1996 meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Chief of Police

Chief Pence said he nothing to add to his written report except that the Neighborhood Watch Program is scheduled to meet this month.

Mr. Jeff Weaver presented information on Community Association for Rural Transportation (CART). He briefly outlined the purpose of the organization which is to provide transportation for the elderly and disabled. He asked for the town's support in this grant-funded program.

Director of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Pence asked if there were any questions on his written report. Councilman Dearing pointed out a possible error on the report.

Director of Public Works

Councilman Dearing welcomed Mr. Kenneth Flick as the new Director of Public Works. Mr. Flick asked if there were any questions on his report. Councilman Dearing asked about the sewer situation on Highway 33 at the intersection of Food Lion. Councilman Dearing and Councilman Dixon questioned who would be responsible for the repair costs. Mr. Monger stated he believes the town would be responsible but he would check with VDOT.

Councilman Dail inquired about the status of the intersection on Route 340 and Hillside. Mr. Flick responded that the stop signs at the intersections of North Street could be placed immediately. He stated VDOT did not recommend installing rumble strips on North Street or relocating the guardrail.

Mr. Monger said the Streets and Sidewalks Committee recommended not installing flashing lights on the traffic signs or placing rumble strips on North Street. He stated the committee did recommend moving the guardrail and moving the no turn on red sign from facing north on Route 340 to Hillside Avenue.

Councilman Bennett asked the reasons why the committee rejected the recommendations made by council.

Councilman Dixon asked the reason for the public hearing set for February regarding Rockingham Street.

Mr. Monger responded that the public hearing will only address the issue of a one-way street on Rockingham Street, and that the urban project is a totally separate program.

Mayor Dean stated that the town should make a decision on this project. He has received many citizens' complaints about the drainage and sidewalks on Rockingham Street.

A Public Hearing was set for February 17, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Report

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman F. A. Bennett and carried to approved the December finance report as presented.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, M. L. Dearing, A. D. Dixon, R. L. Snow

Councilman Dearing requested that the Department Budget Sheets be eliminated from the finance report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric

Councilman Dail reported that he spoke with Mike York and learned that the electric generation project should be complete in March 1997.

Councilman Dail said additional costs must be calculated concerning Elkwood street lights since Virginia Power is the electric supplier. He said the committee will have a recommendation next council meeting.

Personnel

Councilman Dearing pointed out attachment three to the Town Manager's contract. He said it is pertains to the relationship between council and town manager. He feels the personnel committee should discuss this issue.

Streets and Sidewalks

Councilman M. L. Dearing moved, seconded by Councilman F. A. Bennett and carried to install a four-way stop sign at the intersections of F Street and North Street and at Jackson

Avenue and D Street and to install a three-way stop sign at the intersections of C Street and North Street and at D Street and North Street.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, M. L. Dearing, A. D. Dixon, R. L. Snow

Councilman Dearing moved, seconded by Councilman D. H. Dail and carried to recommend VDOT install flashing lights on the traffic signs located on Route 340.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, M. L. Dearing, A. D. Dixon

NAYS: R. L. Snow

Councilman M. L. Dearing moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to recommend VDOT relocate the guardrail on North Street and Hillside by extending it approximately 30 feet.

YEAS: D. H. Dail, M. L. Dearing, A. D. Dixon, R. L. Snow

NAYS: F. A. Bennett

Councilman M. L. Dearing moved, seconded by Councilman A. D. Dixon to recommend VDOT install rumble strips on North Street.

YEAS: M. L. Dearing

NAYS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, A. D. Dixon, R. L. Snow

Motion Denied (1-4)

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman M. L. Dearing to remove the "no turn on red" sign at the traffic light located at the intersection of Route 340 and Hillside.

YEAS: R. L. Snow

NAYS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, M. L. Dearing, A. D. Dixon

Motion Denied (1-4)

Water and Sewer

Councilman Bennett asked for council's input concerning the request of Mr. David Hensley of Gibbons Avenue that his water reconnection fee of $30.00 be waived.

Councilman M. L. Dearing moved, seconded by Councilman D. H. Dail and carried to recover the $59.48, including a reconnection fee of $30.00, before water services are reinstated to the account of Mr. David Hensley.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, M. L. Dearing, A. D. Dixon, R. L. Snow

Mayor Dean asked for council's consideration of a delinquent bill and possible disconnection of electric service on an account which involves a child on a heart monitor. Mayor Dean referred this matter to the electric committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - Appointing Treasurer/Clerk of Council

Councilman M. L. Dearing moved, seconded by Councilman F. A. Bennett and carried to adopt a resolution appointing Nancy A. Sours as Treasurer/ Clerk of Council effective January 20, 1997. (A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes)

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, A. D. Dixon, M. L. Dearing, R. L. Snow

Ordinance - Treasurer and Clerk of Council

Councilman M. L. Dearing moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to adopt the ordinance providing the Treasurer and Clerk of Council may be one and the same person. (A copy of the ordinance is attached to these minutes)

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, A. D. Dixon, M. L. Dearing, R. L. Snow

Appointment of Director to VMEA # 1

Councilman D. H. Dail moved, seconded by Councilman F. A. Bennett and carried to appoint Mr. Gerald Monger as Town of Elkton's Director to VMEA#1 for 1997.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, A. D. Dixon, M. L. Dearing, R. L. Snow

Resolution - Boundary Line Change Agreement

Councilman A. D. Dixon moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to adopt the resolution adjusting the boundary line located on Blue and Gold Drive. (A copy of the ordinance is attached to these minutes)

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, A. D. Dixon, M. L. Dearing, R. L. Snow

Set Public Hearing Dates

By consensus, Council agreed to schedule public hearings as follows:

County/Town Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement	-	**February 17, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.**
Zoning Ordinance - Signs	-	**February 10, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.**

Councilman Dail asked concerning the status of water and sewer connection to the property located on Route 340 South. Mr. Monger responded that the property owner received approval four or five years ago from council to provide water and sewer. He stated that the property owner was told he must cover the cost of upgrading the lines.

Councilman Dixon requested that Council members receive at least twenty-four hour notification of committee meetings.

Executive Session

Councilman D. H. Dail moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried that Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion or consideration of land acquisition, personnel matter and possible litigation.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, A. D. Dixon, M. L. Dearing, R. L. Snow

Councilman D. H. Dail moved to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session and that each member, to the best of his knowledge, certifies that only public business matters lawfully exempted from an open meeting requirement under Chapter 21 of Title 2.1 of the Code of Virginia were heard, discussed or considered. The motion was duly seconded.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, A. D. Dixon, M. L. Dearing, R. L. Snow

Open Checking Account - Rockingham Heritage Bank

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman A. D. Dixon and carried to open a regular checking account at Rockingham Heritage Bank so that customers can pay utility bills at that location.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, D. H. Dail, A. D. Dixon, M. L. Dearing, R. L. Snow

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

RECORDER: _____
Nancy A. Sours, Clerk