Special Council Meeting
June 24, 1998
6:00 p.m.

A Special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 24, 1998 at 6:00 p.m., in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT

F. A. Bennett
R. C. Davis
M. L. Dearing
R. L. Snow

ABSENT

D. E. Kite
W. E. Printz

Gerald Monger, Town Manager, Robert Marshall, Chief of Police, Kenny Flick, Director of Public Works, Theodore Pence, Director of Recreation, Nancy Sours, Treasurer/Clerk were also present.

1998-99 Budget Appropriations and Budget Transfers - Second Reading

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by F. A. Bennett and carried to approve the 1998-99 Budget Appropriations and Transfers as presented.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, M. L. Dearing, R. L. Snow

Mr. Monger suggested that the cemetery funds to reimburse the town for expenses incurred during the year remain in the cemetery accounts. Mr. Monger pointed out that $90,000.00 of the cemetery regular fund account can be used to reimburse the general fund.

Councilman Dearing feels that the general government fund should be reimbursed for the cemetery expenses.

Councilman Davis mentioned that the regular cemetery funds will be relinquished over a three-year period. He pointed out that before the town acquired the cemetery, the person overseeing the operations was basically volunteer.

Mr. Monger stated that caution should be exercised so that the cemetery funds are not depleted.

Mayor Dean suggested that if the cemetery reimburses the general government fund, it should be done after the fiscal audit.

Councilman Bennett suggested that the Cemetery Commission should review the rates and other possibilities of reimbursing the town.

Utility Reconnection Policy - Second Reading

Councilman M. L. Dearing moved, seconded by Councilman R. C. Davis and carried to allow utility reconnections (for non payment) only during normal business hours, effective July 1, 1998.

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Recreation - Key Policy for Activity Building

Councilman Snow stated that the Recreation Commission approved a policy that any organization not associated with the Recreation Department must obtain a key to the activity building from the police department during business hours.

Councilman Snow said that the activity building name was changed to the B Street Center. He stated that the dance studio was renamed to the Cultural Arts Studio and the outside room is to be called the multi purpose room. He stated that the multi purpose room can be rented to the public.

Councilman Dearing feels that the policy should be consistent for all organizations. He feels that the commissions should not make policies.

It was duly decided to change the locks on the Activity Building and duplicated keys would be distributed to groups affiliated with the Recreation Department.

Recreation Director

Councilman Snow stated that the Recreation Commission recommended that the full time Recreation Director's salary be eliminated. He said that they suggested using those funds for part time employees to run the various programs.

Councilman Dearing feels that out-of-town commission members should not be advising the town on how to run the Recreation Department.

Mr. Pence stated that he was approached to manage the Recreation Department. He said that when he assumed those responsibilities that department was in the red. Mr. Pence pointed out that the residents of the town pay for the recreation department.

Councilman Bennett suggested exploring other means of support from Rockingham County. He feels that the County's support is essential in order to maintain a recreation department.

Councilman Snow feels that the Recreation Commission members will take on additional responsibilities, left by the absence of a full time director.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved that the Recreation Director's Salary be used for part time employees to operate the recreation programs.

Motion Failed; Due to Lack of a Second.

Councilman Dearing asked Mr. Pence if he had intentions of retiring. Mr. Pence responded that he has not decided at this time.

Recreation Program Profits

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman R. C. Davis and carried that it be the intent of the council that Recreation Program Profits be earmarked for Recreation Capital Improvements for the following year.

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Councilman Dearing pointed out that this will create additional responsibilities for the part time employees.

Resignations - Mr. Chad Brown & Ms. Nancy Sours

Councilman F. A. Bennett moved, seconded by Councilman R. C. Davis and carried to accept the resignations of Mr. Chad Brown, Police Officer and Ms. Nancy Sours, Treasurer/Clerk of Council.

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Mayor Dean, Councilman Bennett, Councilman Davis and Councilman Snow expressed their appreciation to Mr. Brown and Ms. Sours for their service and efforts.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

RECORDER: _____
Nancy A. Sours, Clerk