Regular Council Meeting
September 21, 1998
7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held September 21, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers with the Mayor Millard L. Dearing presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT

F. A. Bennett
R. C. Davis
C. E. Dean
B. B. Horne
W. E. Printz
R. L. Snow

Gerald Monger, Town Manager, Dale Davenport, Attorney, Robert Marshall, Chief of Police, Kenny Flick, Director of Public Works, Theodore Pence, Director of Recreation, Julia Smith, Treasurer/Clerk were also present.

Councilman Bennett offered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Lucky Sigafoose

Mr. Sigafoose of 112 Rockingham Street asked if there was a law against boarding houses.

Steve Menking

Mr. Menking of 423 Wirt Ave. Mr. Menking stated that he expressed his concerns four years ago about the cruising and loitering problems on Wirt Avenue. Mr. Menking stated that he felt nothing would be done by the Town until something serious happened. Now something serious has happened, we have lost a young man's life and it cannot be replaced. Mr. Menking wanted to know what citizens that lived down on Wirt Ave. were suppose to do and what kind of support they were going to get. Mr. Menking stated that he and his neighbors were very concerned. Mr. Menking stated that there was an excessive amount of traffic at 3:00 a.m.. Mr. Menkings wife has been yelled at repeatedly while walking the dog. Mr. Menking wanted to know what the Town is going to do about it.

MINUTES

Councilman C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Councilwoman B. B. Horne and carried to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held, August 17, 1998.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C.E. Dean, B.B. Horne, and R. L. Snow

The motion was carried.

Councilman C. E. Dean moved, seconded by R. L. Snow and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held, August 17, 1998.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horn, and R. L. Snow

The motion was carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief of Police

Chief Marshall offered to answer questions on his monthly report. Councilwoman Horne asked where drug arrest was shown on the police report. Chief Marshall stated he would add it to the report.

Recreation

Mr. Pence offered to answer questions on his report. Councilman Dean asked about the softball tournament. Mr. Pence stated that we did not have any teams. Councilwoman Horne asked about the income on the Dance and Gymnastics program. Mr. Pence stated that they pay by the quarter.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Flick offered to answer questions on his monthly report.

Treasurer

Councilman R. C. Davis moved, seconded by Councilwoman B.B. Horne and carried to approve the July 1998 and August 1998 Finance Report as presented.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R . C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, and R. L. Snow.

The motion was carried.

Town Manager

Mr. Monger offered to answer questions on his report. Mr. Monger stated that in reference to the drainage area on North Street he has figured the size of the pipe to be about 5 feet. Mr. Monger stated that this would go to the water and sewer committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric

Councilman Davis stated that the Electric Committee has nothing at this time.

Finance

Councilwoman Horne stated that there was nothing at this time.

Personnel

Councilman Dean stated that there was nothing at this time.

Public Health & Safety

Mayor Dearing stated there was nothing at this time. Mayor Dearing stated that the cruising and loitering problem will be addressed at the next Public Safety meeting to be held on October 8, 1998. Mayor Dearing stated that we now have a bike officer on duty and hope to add another next spring.

Streets and Sidewalks

Councilman Printz was not present to report.

Water and Sewer

Councilman Bennett stated that there was nothing as this time.

Cemetery

Mayor Dearing stated that there was nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS

Bed and Breakfast Request

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to approve the Bed and Breakfast Zoning Ordinance Amendment, to read six bedrooms and eight guest.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, R. L. Snow

The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Resolution

Chief Marshall reviewed the resolution stating the it is a new charter in reference to the Police Academy in Waynesboro. There are no changes to the charter.

Councilman R. C. Davis moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to approve the Police Resolution.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. D. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, R. L. Snow.

The motion was carried.

Set Public Hearing for R-8 Zoning Amendments

Mayor Dearing stated that a copy of the old R-8 zoning and the proposed R-8 zoning will be placed on a table upstairs for the public to review. The public hearing was set for Monday, October 12 at 7:00 P.M..

Telephone System

Mr. Monger stated that the information on the new telephone system was in his report. Mr. Monger stated that he received four bids. Mr. Monger stated that this system can be enlarged or moved if we relocate. The system also has a five-year warranty. The company approved was Broadway Electric.

Councilman C. E. Dean motioned to approve the new telephone system from Broadway Electric; seconded by R. L. Snow and carried.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, R. L. Snow.

Water Projects: Rt 340 and Spotswood Avenue

Mayor Dearing explained that Route 340 will be repaved next year. The old surface will be taken up and paved. We will run some pipe work under 340 at "C" Street and "F" Street. Mr. Flick stated that the cost will be about $13,200.

Councilman R. L. Snow motioned to approve the water projects on Rt. 340; seconded by R. C. Davis and carried.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, R. L. Snow.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Flick stated that the project on Spotswood Avenue was due to drainage problems. The estimated cost will be $4,800.00.

Councilman B. B. Horne motioned to approve the water projects on Spotswood Avenue; seconded by R. L. Davis and carried.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, R. L. Snow.

The motion was carried.

Reappointment of Recreation Members

Councilman R. L. Snow motioned to approve the reappointment of Eddie Cave and Beth Loker to the Recreation Commission; second by F. A. Bennett and carried.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, R. L. Snow.

The motion was carried.

Donate Electric to the Little League Football and Soccer at the Middle School Field

Mr. Monger stated that the cost will be $3.92 per hour.

Councilman R. L. Snow motioned to approve the donation of the electric for the Little League Football and Soccer at the Middle School Field; second by R. C. Davis and carried.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, R. L. Snow.

The motion was carried.

Town Attorney

Mr. Davenport reviewed a QuitClaim Deed to Quail Run Subdivision. Mr. Davenport explained that the Town has a blanket water line easement across some of this property. This is standard procedure and Mr. Davenport recommends that the town approve this.

Councilman F. A. Bennett motioned to approve the QuitClaim Deed; second by R. L. Snow and carried.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, R. L. Snow.

The motion was carried.

Personnel

Councilman C. E. Dean motioned to approve a rate increase for Rick Carey to $9.50 per hour to be effective 9/14/98; second by B. B. Horne and carried.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, R. L. Snow.

The motion was carried.

Mayor's Business

Mayor Dearing recommended items to be discussed in committees. See attached copy.

Committee meetings were set for October 7 and 8 at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Dearing stated that there are still two properties that are still in violation of our ordinances. One on North Street and another on Gibbons Avenue. Mayor Dearing stated that the property on North Street has had some cleaning but is still not in compliance. Mayor Dearing stated that due to the property owners health she is not able to clean her property. Mayor Dearing, Chief Marshall, Kenny Flick and any others that want to volunteer will be going to her North Street property to help her clean the property up. Mayor Dearing asked that the property owner be advised that help would be coming and that a family member be present.

Mayor Dearing stated that Chief Marshall has reported that some of the items on Gibbons Avenue have been corrected. Mayor Dearing asked Mrs. Hensley, the property owner on Gibbons Avenue, if the goat was still on the property. Mrs. Hensley stated that the goat was still on her property. Mrs. Hensley stated that the part of her property that the goat was tied to is on the county line. Chief Marshall will address this and report back to the council. Mrs. Hensley requested a copy of the tape of the August 17, 1998 meeting. Mayor Dearing asked that Mrs. Hensley contact Gerald Monger for a copy of the tape.

Mayor Dearing stated Sheriff Farley requested $5,000.00 for dispatchers at the last council meeting.

Councilman F. A. Bennett motioned to approve $5,000.00 to be paid to the county to assist with the dispatchers; second by B. B. Horne and carried.

YEAS: **F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, R. L. Snow.**

The motion was carried.

Mayor Dearing stated that at last months meeting the Coordinators Job Description was never approved.

Councilman C. E. Dean motioned to approve the Special Departments Coordinators Job; second by R. L. Snow and carried.

YEAS: **F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, W. E. Printz, R. L. Snow.**

The motion was carried.

Mayor Dearing passed out a copy of the Town's Purchase Order Agreement. This is to inform everyone of the proper procedures.

An unidentified citizens asked about the Lynwood Dovel property that is going to go before the county for rezoning. Councilwoman Horne reported that this had come before the Planning Commission and that the Planning Commission did not have any problems with the rezoning.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: M Lee Dearing
M. Lee Dearing, Mayor

RECORDER: Julia M. Smith
Julia M. Smith, Clerk