Regular Council Meeting
June 19, 2000
7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 19, 2000 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

Dale Davenport, Attorney, Robert Marshall, Chief of Police, Kenneth Flick, Director of Public Works and Julia Smith, Treasurer/Clerk were also present.

Councilwoman Horne offered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tara Davis - Ms. Davis gave a report to the council on the mock General Assembly she attended. Ms. Davis expressed sincere thanks for the opportunity the council had provided for the students who attended.

Frank Meleski - 604 N. Stuart Avenue - Mr. Meleski congratulated the mayor and new council on the election. Mr. Meleski stated that the people have spoken and that he hopes the new council will tend to issues in a timely manner. Mr. Meleski stated that it is now time to move forward and he hopes that the old council members have heard the people speak.

Mike O'Neill - Rockingham Street - Mr. O'Neill read a two-page letter addressed the Mayor and Council. (Copy attached)

Mildred Shifflett - Ms. Shifflett commented that the sidewalk at the Movie House is in badly need of repair.

Wayne Printz - Mr. Printz thanked Mr. Bennett, Mr. Snow and Mr. Dean for their years on the council. Mr. Printz stated that there are many issues to be brought up tonight. Mr. Printz stated that he would like to see taxes lowered and a community center built within the next year. Mr. Printz stated that he would like to see communication and respect between the council and citizens.

Minutes

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilman R. C. Davis and carried to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held May 15, 2000.

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

The motion was carried (6-0)

Councilman F. A. Bennett moved, seconded by Councilwoman B. B. Horne and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 15, 2000.

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

The motion was carried (6-0)

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilman F. A. Bennett and carried to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held June 5, 2000.

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

The motion was carried (6-0)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief of Police

Chief Marshall offered to answer questions on his monthly report.
Councilman Davis offered his thanks to Chief Marshall and Sgt. Dean for helping fingerprint kids during the car show.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Flick offered to answer questions on his report. Mr. Dearing asked for an update on the sidewalk at the Movie House. Mr. Flick stated that it would be completed this summer. Mr. Flick stated that he has spoken with VDOT and the stop lights will be done by the end of July.

Treasurer

Councilman F. A. Bennett moved, seconded by Councilman W. E. Printz and carried to approve May 2000 Finance Report as presented.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

Special Business

RESIGNATION OF DALE DAVENPORT

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilman F. A. Bennett and carried to accept Dale Davenports resignation as Town Attorney effective immediately.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

MILLER AND EARLE

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilman W. E. Printz and carried to approve Miller and Earle and the new Town Attorney effective immediately.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric

Councilman Davis stated there is no business at this time.

Finance

Councilwoman Horne stated that the delinquent tax notices have been mailed.

Personnel

Councilman Dean stated there is no business at this time.

Public Health & Safety

Mayor Dearing stated we need an ordinance on abandoned cars, condemned building and grass mowing.

Councilman Printz asked that the legality of the tower on Shenandoah Avenue be addressed

Streets and Sidewalks

Councilman Printz asked that the town assist Ciro's in putting in a sidewalk.

Councilman W. E. Printz moved, second by C. E. Dean and carried to approve the town putting in a sidewalk at F & M Bank and Ciro's at the cost of $2065.00 in the next fiscal year budget.

YEAS: W. E. Printz, R. L. Snow and C. E. Dean

NAYS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis and B. B. Horne

Mayor Dearing broke the tie with a Yea vote.

Motion carried (4-3)

Water and Sewer

Councilman Bennett stated that there was nothing at this time.

Cemetery

Mayor Dearing stated that there was nothing at this time.

Recreation

Councilman Snow stated that the Recreation Commission would like to make a soccer field behind the dump. This would be used only for a practice field. The soccer club will keep the field mowed and there will be no expense to the town.

Planning Commission

Councilwoman Horne stated that the Planning Commission is now fully staffed.

EDRC

Councilman Printz stated that the car show was a success and thanked the town for all their help. Councilman Printz reported that the car show raised about $5000.00.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, second by R. L. Snow and carried to approve the second reading of appropriations and transfers for the 1999-2000 with revisions.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

YOUNG, NICHOLAS, BRANNER, PHILLIPS, LLP

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, second by W. E. Printz and carried to approve the hiring of Young, Nicholas, Branner, Phillips, LLP as the new auditors.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

THREE PHASE REACTIVATION CHARGE

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, second Councilman R. C. Davis and carried to approve an increase in the reactivation fee for three phase electric from $60.00 to $120.00 effective immediately.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

BEASLEY WATER CONNECTION

Councilman F. A. Bennett moved, second by R. C. Davis and carried to approve the water connection for Mr. Beasley to be carried out to the town's specification.

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

Motion carried (5-1)

FIRST READING NEW MEALS TAX

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, second by R. L. Snow and carried to adopt as the first reading the new meals tax ordinance. (Copy attached)

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

Motion carried (6-0)

TINA LAWSON WATER CONNECTION ON NEWTOWN ROAD

Councilman F. A. Bennett moved, second by Councilman W. E. Printz and carried to approve the water connection for Tina Lawson on Newtown Road with Ms. Lawson to incur all cost for the connection and that the connection be done within six months.

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

NAYS: **B. B. Horne**

Motion carried (5-1)

Mayor Dearing set committee meetings as follow:

Tuesday, July 11, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. water/sewer, electric and streets/sidewalks

Thursday, July 13, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. finance, public safety and personnel

Mayor Dearing announced that there will be a special council meeting held Wednesday, July 5, 2000 at 7:00 p.m..

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, second by W. E. Printz and carried to honor Dr. C. S. Miller and to make a resolution.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

A special meeting was set for Tuesday, July 27, 2000 at 12:30 p.m. to have the second reading on the meals tax.

Councilman Printz reported that Lucy Sigafoose is out of the hospital and that George Turner had passed away.

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, second by W. E. Printz and carried to give the town employees July 3 and July 4 off as a holiday.

YEAS: **R. C. Davis, B. B. Horne, W. E. Printz and C. E. Dean**

NAYS: **F. A. Bennett and R. L. Snow**

Motion carried (4-2)

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MAYOR: M Lee Dearing
M. Lee Dearing, Mayor

RECORDER:_____
Julia M. Smith, Clerk