Regular Council Meeting
July 17, 2000
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held July 17, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers with the Mayor Millard L. Dearing presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT

B. B. Horne
C. H. Murphy
T. Pence
W. E. Printz
L. Sigafoose

Burns Earle, Attorney, Robert Marshall, Chief of Police, and Julia Smith, Treasurer/Clerk were also present.

Councilwoman Horne offered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Hazel Crider - Elkwood - Ms. Crider announced that the annual Neighborhood Watch National Night Out would be held August 1, 2000 from 7-10 PM on the front municipal lawn. Ms. Crider stated that the Lam Brothers would be performing. Ms. Crider invited everyone to attend and announced that their regular meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Mildred Shifflett 112 W. Spotswood Avenue - Ms. Shifflett stated that on Saturday night the police had to be called due to a broken window at the Tastee Freez. Ms. Shifflett stated that the police responded but said they could do nothing about the loitering on the sidewalk in this area. Ms. Shifflett stated that she is usually woke up at 12:00 to 12:30 a.m. by the noise from the street every weekend. Ms. Shifflett complained that the curfew the town has is not being enforced.

Mike O'Neill - Rockingham Street - Mr. O'Neill expressed his appreciation to the police for their patrolling of Rockingham Street.

Minutes

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilman W. E. Printz and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 19, 2000.

YEAS: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

The motion was carried (5-0)

Councilman W. E. Printz moved, seconded by Councilwoman B. B. Horne and carried to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held June 20, 2000.

YEAS: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

The motion was carried (5-0)

Councilwoman W. E. Printz moved, seconded by Councilwoman B. B. Horne and carried to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held June 27, 2000.

YEAS: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

The motion was carried (5-0)

Councilwoman W. E. Printz moved, seconded by Councilwoman B. B. Horne and carried to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held July 5, 2000.

YEAS: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

The motion was carried (5-0)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief of Police

Chief Marshall offered to answer questions on his monthly report.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Flick was not present.

Treasurer

There was no report presented due to the annual audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric

Mayor Dearing stated that Miller & Earle is looking to see if we can dispose of the Disconnect Notices. Mayor Dearing reported that Mr. Burns Earle attended the MEPAV meeting and will be doing a report.

Finance

Councilwoman Horne stated that the finance committee will be looking into the procurement policy, back taxes and a long list of other items.

Personnel

Councilwoman Murphy reported that the committee approved that the phones be put on a direct dial system within the next 30 days. Councilwoman Murphy stated that there are several items being looked at such as the need of pagers, uniform pay scale and the employee handbook.

Public Health & Safety

Mayor Dearing stated there was no meeting held due to Personnel issues. Mayor Dearing set the date for the Public Safety meeting for July 27, 2000 at 7:00.

Streets and Sidewalks

Councilman Printz stated that the council has given $20,000.00 to the streets and sidewalks. Councilman Printz noted that the Shelton ditch issue needs to be resolved and that he still feels we should look at the sidewalk for Ciro's. Councilman Printz noted many sidewalks in town that are in need of repair. Councilman Printz stated that the mowing and clean up of the town need to be improved as well as disability access throughout the town.

Water and Sewer

Councilman Sigafoose reported that he has looked at several area towns' water and sewer rates. Mr. Sigafoose requested that we look at increasing rates for out of town customers. Mayor Dearing asked that Councilman Sigafoose and Councilwoman Horne look into this.

Cemetery

Mayor Dearing stated that four years ago the reason he became active in town politics was to address the appearance of the Elk Run Cemetery. Mayor Dearing reported that last year we buried 60 people at that an independent contractor was paid $18,000.00 to open and close graves. Mayor Dearing stated that he feels the town could open and close graves and draw this money into to the town if we had a full time cemetery director. Mayor Dearing asked that this be discussed at the next finance committee.

Recreation

Councilwoman Horne stated that the Recreation Commission currently has a vacancy. Councilwoman Horne noted that the contract with Ms. Humphrey is currently being reviewed by our attorney and until such time a contract is approved Ms. Humphrey will continue to operate on a month to month basis.
Mr. Earle passed out his suggestion on the contract for Ms. Humphrey.
Mayor Dearing asked that at the next finance meeting we discuss who can sign contracts.

Planning Commission

Councilwoman Horne stated that the Planning Commission has two members whose terms have expired.

EDRC

Marsha Deavers was present and reviewed her quarterly report with the council.

OLD BUSINESS

ANNEXATION

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, second by Councilman W. E. Printz and carried to approve Lee Dearing, Lucky Sigafoose and Tom Weyrick as the Annexation Committee.

YEAS: **B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.**

Motion carried (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

RESIGNATION OF RICHARD DAVIS

Councilwoman C. H. Murphy moved, second by Councilwoman B. B. Horne and carried to accept the resignation of Mr. Richard Davis from Council.

YEAS: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (5-0)

RECREATION COMMISSION

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, second Councilman T. Pence carried to approve the appointment of Sherry Hall to the Recreation Commission for a two-year term.

YEAS: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (5-0)

JR. AND SR. CLERK JOB DESCRIPTION

Councilwoman C. H. Murphy moved, second by Councilman W. E. Printz and carried to approve the new job descriptions for Jr. and Sr. Clerk with Jr. Clerk now being Clerk II and Sr. Clerk now being Clerk III.

YEAS: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (5-0)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR AUGUST

Mayor Dearing set committees for the month of August as follow:

Aug. 15 at 6:00pm	**Finance, water/sewer and streets/sidewalks**
Aug. 17 at 6:00pm	**Personnel, Public Safety and Electric**

STEP AND GRADE PAY SCALE

Councilwoman C. H. Murphy moved, second by Councilwoman B. B. Horne and carried to approve the new step and grade schedule to become effective immediately.

YEAS: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (5-0)

REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, second by Councilwoman C. H. Murphy and carried to approve the reallocation of $20,000.00 from highway funds to streets and sidewalks with projects to be determined at a later date.

YEAS: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (5-0)

MAYORS BUSINESS

Mayor Dearing asked that Mr. Sigafoose bring to committee information on a speaker system for the council chambers.

Mayor Dearing asked Ms. Smith to have new chairs for citizens by the next council meeting with cushions.

Closed Session

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilman W. E. Printz and carried that council go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion vacant council seat, planning commission vacancies, personnel issues and litigation.

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved to go from Closed 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: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (5-0)

Councilwoman B. B. Horne moved, second by W. E. Printz and carried to appoint Tom Weyrick and Harry Weber to the Planning Commission for a four-year term each.

YEAS: B. B. Horne, C. H. Murphy, T. Pence, W. E. Printz and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (5-0)

Mayor Dearing announced that on Thursday, July 27, 2000 a special council meeting will be held to discuss the filling of the vacant council seat with the public safety meeting to follow.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MAYOR: M Lee D
M. Lee Dearing, Mayor

RECORDER:_____
Julia M. Smith, Clerk