Regular
Council Meeting
December 16, 2002

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, December 16, 2002 in the Council Chambers with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. The following Council members were present:

PRESENT
J. T. Dean
C. H. Murphy
T. Pence
L. Sigafoose
R. Snow
P. Workman

Attorneys Nathan Miller and Lauri Sigler, Faye Vickers, Treasurer, Todd McCoy, Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator, Richard Pullen, Chief of Police, and Richard Carey, Clerk of Council, were also present.

Mayor Printz offered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to approve the minutes of the Committee Meetings of November 12, 2002, the Regular Council meeting of November 18, 2002, and the Public Safety Committee meeting of November 21, 2002.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Mayor Printz reviewed the first six months of his term by thanking the Council, Town employees, and the attorneys for all their hard work and cooperation. He acknowledged Neighborhood Watch for purchasing the new Town Christmas tree and highlighted the pre-Christmas and Christmas events.

Council member Sigafoose reported on his successful bicycle program.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief of Police

Chief Pullen stated the Christmas tree lighting was very successful and the Locator computer is here but not yet installed.

Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator

Mr. McCoy reviewed his report.

Treasurer

Mrs. Vickers reported an ending ledger balance for General Government for the month of November, 2002 of $184,046.89, minus designated money of $73,741.78, for a total available cash amount of $110,305.11.

The Bond account for the same period had an ending ledger balance of $48,491.02.

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Snow, and carried to approve the Treasurer's report.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric

No report.

Finance

No report.

Personnel

No report.

Public Health, Public Safety, and Ordinances

Mayor Printz referred Council to the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on November 21, which were included in the packets.

Streets and Sidewalks

No report.

Recreation

Council member Pence stated he agreed with a one year probation placed on a spectator because no obscene language was used during the incident.

Planning Commission

Benny King has an unfinished proposal for a project on Wirt Avenue before the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission was asked to study the zoning of the Mary E. Kite property.

Water and Sewer

No report.

Park Authority

The December meetings were canceled. The Authority has talked to real estate brokers from Northern Virginia regarding the development of the Kite property, as well as having had discussions regarding the use of the Kite mansion as a restaurant or bed and breakfast. The Authority has engaged Norton Consulting of Florida to provide the feasibility study.

OLD BUSINESS

Business and Industry Rate Structure, Water and Sewer - Second Reading

Council member Dean stated, prior to his motion, that he had changed the lowest level of

use from 50,001 gallons to 20,001.

Council member Dean moved, second by Vice Mayor Murphy, and carried to increase water and sewer rates for Business and Industry, both inside and outside of Town limits, per 1,000 gallons of usage as follows:

GALLONS USED			WATER	SEWER
20,001	-	100,000	$1.45	$1.90
100,001	-	200,000	1.55	2.10
200,001	-	300,000	1.65	2.25
300,001	-	400,000	1.75	2.40
400,001	-	500,000	1.85	2.65
500,001	-	700,000	2.00	3.00
700,001	-	1,000,000	2.35	3.45
Over 1,000,000			2.50	3.90

At this time, water haulers do not purchase a business license. Consequently, Council member Dean stated they are exempt from this rate structure.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 roll call)

Mr. McCoy stated the water hauler meter system should be operational by the first or second week of January, 2003.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Snow, and carried for the Town to provide free pick-up and grinding of downed tree limbs due to a recent ice storm. The service will extend to all future such storms. The cut-off time for this service will be published.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Vice Mayor Murphy will discuss insurance claims in closed session.

Council approved a request from Mrs. Vickers for early release of payroll checks due to the holidays.

EAUS Donation Request - First Reading

Council member Sigafoose moved, second by Council member Workman, and carried to donate $1,000.00 to Elkton Area United Services.

YEAS: J. Dean, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

NAYS: C. Murphy

Motion carried (5 -1 roll call)

While recognizing the charity of EAUS, Vice Mayor Murphy objected because proper procedure was not followed regarding donation requests. She strongly objected because Town taxpayers' dollars were used to benefit out-of-town residents, who represented a majority of the expenditures of EAUS.

Mayor Printz requested the Finance Chair to determine from where the $1,000.00 donation will be paid.

Mayor Printz sought Council permission to set February Council's meeting for February 24, 2003. Council will take action at its January meeting.

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to go into closed session under Virginia Code 15.2-2907D to discuss annexation and 2.2-3711 to discuss personnel issues and legal consultation.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 roll call)

Vice Mayor Murphy moved to go from closed session back into regular session and that each member, to the best of his or her knowledge, certified that only public business matter lawfully exempted from an open meeting requirement under Chapter 21 of Title 2.1 of the Code of Virginia were heard, discussed, or considered. Council member Dean duly seconded the motion.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 roll call)

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

RECORDER: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk