Regular
Council Meeting
June 17, 2002

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, June 17, 2002 in the Council Chambers with Mayor M. Lee Dearing presiding. The following Council members were present:

PRESENT

J. T. Dean
C. H. Murphy
M. S. O'Neill
T. Pence
W. E. Printz
L. Sigafoose

Attorneys J. Burns Earle 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.

Councilman O'Neill offered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Honorable L. Wayne Harper, Clerk of Court, administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor-elect Wayne E. Printz, and Councilmen-elect Jay T. Dean and Randell L. Snow. Councilman-elect Phillip Workman was vacationing.

Mayor Dearing presented Awards of Recognition to Brenda and David Dean, Andrea and Clayton Knight, and Richard Myers for their contributions toward the purchase of a Recreation Department community van.

Service Awards were presented to Council members Bobbie A. Horne and Michael S. O'Neill. Gerald Monger was recognized for 25 years service to the Town as Town Manager and Town Superintendent.

Chief Pullen was recognized by being named Police Officer of the Year.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill Holt, 508 - 4th Street, was confused why the position of Town Manager was being considered by a lame duck Council. He was also confused why the selection process did not extend beyond one possible candidate. Mr. Holt stated the Town Manger's position was tremendously important to the Town and Council should consider the background, experience, and training of many candidates in order to obtain the most qualified person to fill the position.

Mildred Shifflett, 112 West Spotswood Avenue, bid farewell to Councilman Mike O'Neill by stating he was one of the best councilpersons to ever serve the Town. She asked the Town to correct power surges. She is unable to operate several appliances at the same time. She agreed with Mr. Holt's remarks regarding a Town Manager.

Caroline Brill, 148 Sweetgum, stressed the importance of Council working as a team in a positive manner.

Mary Hutton, 515 Chestnut Avenue, said it appeared like railroading to put in place a Town Manager at tonight's meeting.

Hazel Crider, 114 Hillside, wanted to know if a Public Hearing would be held on the Park

Authority so citizens would have a chance to ask questions. She also wanted to know if there was a master plan and if a developer had been selected for the Mary E. Kite property.

Councilman-elect Randell Snow answered that once a master plan was developed, that a public presentation would be made.

MINUTES

Councilman Printz moved, second by Councilman O'Neill, and carried to approve the minutes of May 28, 2002.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (6-0).

Chief of Police

There were no questions for Chief Pullen.

Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator

There were no questions for Mr. McCoy.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Vickers reported an ending ledger balance for General Government for May, 2002 of $429,296.95. The Bond Account ending May, 2002 had a balance of $137,033.59 after purchase of 4 CD's for $400,000.00 and a $500,000.00 transfer to Dain Roucher.

Councilman O'Neill moved, second by Councilman Printz, and carried to approve the Treasurer's report.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric

Councilman Sigafoose moved, second by Councilman Printz, and carried that Mayor Dearing execute by his signature the Virginia Municipal Electric Association Contract.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (6-0).

Finance

Councilman O'Neill thanked Mrs. Vickers for all her invaluable help with budget preparation.

Personnel

No report.

Public Health, Public Safety, and Ordinances

No report.

Streets and Sidewalks

No report.

Water and Sewer

No report.

Recreation

No report.

Planning Commission

Councilman Dean reported the Planning Commission met and discussed R-8 requirements.

OLD BUSINESS

FY 02-03 Budget - Second Reading

Councilman O'Neill moved, second by Councilman Sigafoose, and carried to accept the FY 02-03 Budget in the amount of $2,701,296.85.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing

Mr. McCoy requested a public hearing date for a Special Use Request to build the 9th addition to the mini-storage units on Shenandoah Avenue. Mr. McCoy stated that this addition will constitute full capacity at the site.

Mayor Dearing set the public hearing for 6:30 P.M., on July 15, 2002.

July 4th Holiday

Councilwoman Murphy moved, second by Councilman Printz, and carried to approve Friday, July 5, 2002 as an additional paid holiday for all permanent Town employees. Seasonal/temporary employees shall receive regular compensation if required to work, and no compensation if not required to work.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (6-0).

Water/Waste Water Assistant Classification - Certified

Councilwoman Murphy moved, second by Councilman Printz, and carried to approve the establishment of classification of Waste Water Assistant - Certified at a grade level of 7 on the current pay scale.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (6-0).

Water/Waste Water Assistant Classification - Non-Certified

Councilwoman Murphy moved, second by Councilman O'Neill, and carried to approve the amendment of classification of Waste Water Assistant to Waste Water Assistant Non-Certified at a grade level 6 on the current pay scale.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (6-0).

Councilwoman Murphy announced the Town offices would close at noon on June 21, 2002 for the annual employee picnic.

Planning Commission Appointment - Madelyn Dixon

Councilman Dean recommended the appointment of Madelyn Dixon to the Planning Commission.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose.

Recommendation carried (6-0).

Town Manager

Councilman Printz stated that now was not the time to pursue the topic of Town Manager. He asked that fairness be exercised by opposing views when the time was right to fill the position.

Pleasantries were exchanged between Mayor Dearing and Mayor-elect Printz. Each stated that past debates and disagreements had been volatile but each declared his gratitude and confidence in the other.

High Demand User Fee - First Reading

Councilman Dean moved, second by Council O'Neill, and carried that a High Demand User Fee be levied on any business or industry connected to Elkton Town Water and Sewer whose usage is in excess of 50,000 gallons per month. These fees shall increase $1.00 for water and $1.50 for sewer for every 10,000 additional gallons used up to but not including 150,000 gallons. After 150,000 gallons have been used the rates will be increased respectively. High Demand User Fees shall apply to both in-town and out-of-town customers. The rates shall be calculated based on the following chart:

Gallons		Water		Sewer		Total
50,000 - 59,000	+	$1.00	+	$1.50	=	$2.50
60,000 - 69,999	+	$2.00	+	$3.00	=	$5.00
70,000 - 79,999	+	$3.00	+	$4.50	=	$7.50
80,000 - 89,999	+	$4.00	+	$6.00	=	$10.00
90,000 - 99,999	+	$5.00	+	$7.50	=	$12.50
100,000 - 100,999	+	$6.00	+	$9.00	=	$15.00
110,000 - 110,999	+	$7.00	+	$10.50	=	$17.50
120,000 - 120,999	+	$8.00	+	$12.00	=	$20.00
130,000 - 130,999	+	$9.00	+	$13.50	=	$22.50
140,000 - 140,999	+	$10.00	+	$15.00	=	$25.00

150,000 - 159,999	+	$12.00	+	$17.50	=	$29.50
160,000 - 169,999	+	$14.00	+	$20.00	=	$34.00
170,000 - 179,999	+	$16.00	+	$22.50	=	$38.50
180,000 - 189,999	+	$18.00	+	$25.00	=	$43.00
190,000 - 199,999	+	$20.00	+	$27.50	=	$47.50
200,000 - 209,999	+	$22.00	+	$30.00	=	$52.00
210,000 - 219,999	+	$24.00	+	$32.50	=	$56.50
220,000 - 229,999	+	$26.00	+	$35.00	=	$61.00
230,000 - 239,999	+	$28.00	+	$37.50	=	$65.50
240,000 - 249,999	+	$30.00	+	$40.00	=	$70.00
250,000 - 259,999	+	$33.00	+	$44.50	=	$77.50
260,000 - 269,999	+	$36.00	+	$48.00	=	$84.00
270,000 - 279,999	+	$39.00	+	$51.50	=	$90.50
280,000 - 289,999	+	$42.00	+	$55.00	=	$97.00
290,000 - 299,999	+	$45.00	+	$58.50	=	$103.50
300,000 - 309,999	+	$48.00	+	$62.00	=	$111.00
310,000 - 319,999	+	$51.00	+	$65.50	=	$116.50
320,000 - 329,999	+	$54.00	+	$69.00	=	$123.00
330,000 - 339,999	+	$57.00	+	$72.50	=	$129.50
340,000 - 349,999	+	$60.00	+	$76.00	=	$136.00
350,000 - 359,000	+	$64.00	+	$80.50	=	$144.50
360,000 - 369,999	+	$68.00	+	$85.00	=	$153.00
370,000 - 379,999	+	$72.00	+	$89.50	=	$161.50
380,000 - 389,999	+	$76.00	+	$94.00	=	$170.00
390,000 - 399,999	+	$80.00	+	$98.50	=	$178.50
400,000 - 409,999	+	$85.00	+	$104.00	=	$189.00
410,000 - 419,999	+	$90.00	+	$107.50	=	$197.50
420,000 - 429,999	+	$95.00	+	$112.00	=	$207.00
430,000 - 439,000	+	$100.00	+	$116.50	=	$216.50
440,000 - 449,999	+	$105.00	+	$121.00	=	$226.00
450,000 - 459,999	+	$110.00	+	$125.50	=	$235.50
460,000 - 469,999	+	$115.00	+	$130.00	=	$245.00
470,000 - 479,999	+	$120.00	+	$134.50	=	$254.50
480,000 - 489,999	+	$125.00	+	$139.00	=	$264.00
490,000 - 499,999	+	$130.00	+	$143.50	=	$273.50
500,000 - 509,999	+	$136.00	+	$150.00	=	$286.00
510,000 - 519,999	+	$142.00	+	$156.50	=	$298.50
520,000 - 529,999	+	$148.00	+	$163.00	=	$311.00
530,000 - 539,999	+	$154.00	+	$169.50	=	$323.50
540,000 - 549,999	+	$160.00	+	$176.00	=	$336.00
550,000 - 559,999	+	$166.00	+	$182.50	=	$348.50
560,000 - 569,999	+	$172.00	+	$189.00	=	$361.00
570,000 - 579,999	+	$178.00	+	$195.50	=	$373.50
580,000 - 589,999	+	$182.00	+	$202.00	=	$384.00
590,000 - 599,999	+	$188.00	+	$208.50	=	$396.50
600,000 - 699,999	+	$222.00	+	$248.50	=	$470.50
700,000 - 799,999	+	$275.00	+	$323.50	=	$598.50
800,000 - 899,999	+	$375.00	+	$464.00	=	$839.00
900,000 - 999,999	+	$500.00	+	$664.00	=	$1,164.00
1,000,000 +	+	$750.00	+	$964.00	=	$1,714.00

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (6-0).

Councilman Dean moved, second by Councilman O'Neill, and carried that these fees be put into a separate account and earmarked for infrastructure repair or replacement. I

also move that any business or industry that exceeds 300,000 gallons per month be required to pre-treat their sewage, so it can be easier for the town sewer system to treat the sewage at the waste water plant or pay an additional fee of $400.00 per month for the town to treat the sewage.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Dearing questioned the installation of irrigation meters at ShenValley Drywall and the new Advance store on RT. 33. They were installed by the County without consent from the Elkton Town Council. Mayor Dearing suggested the new Council look into this.

Councilman Printz reported on the walking tour of County towns which will be displayed on July 3, 2002 at the Rockingham County Fair Grounds. Councilman Printz will work with the Historical Society to develop a theme to highlight Elkton. Councilman Printz was authorized to spend up to $500.00 for any materials needed to present the theme.

Committee meetings were set for July 9 and 11 at 6:00 P.M.

The Council reorganization meeting was scheduled for July 1, 2002 at 6:00 P.M.

Councilman Pence again spoke of the poor water pressure in Elkwood.

Councilwoman Murphy: **"Before the presentation is made to the Mayor, I would like to say a few things about Lee Dearing. For the past four years, Lee Dearing has faced many adverse situations and conditions. A lesser man may have thrown up his hands and walked away. But Lee stood fast, faced the issues head on, and did not waiver in his belief that Elkton could become a better place for us all. In his commitment to the Mayor's position and to our town, he has faced personal and financial loss, but still remained loyal and dedicated. His efforts over the past four years have undoubtedly placed Elkton in one of the best situations in recent history for future growth and prosperity. I would like to personally thank Lee for being a mentor, a supporter, and a friend to me and others alike and greatly appreciate my opportunity to work with someone like Lee Dearing."**

Councilwoman Murphy then presented Mayor Dearing a plague of appreciation for a job well done.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MAYOR: M Lee D
M. Lee Dearing, Mayor

RECORDER: Richard D. Carey
Richard D. Carey, Clerk