Regular
Council Meeting
November 18, 2002

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, November 18, 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

Attorney J. Burns Earle, 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.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Theodore Pence thanked the Neighborhood Watch for their participation in Elkton Night Out - Halloween.

Hazel Crider, 114 Hillside, stated that the students at Elkton Elementary School held a K-9 coin drive, which resulted in $1, 450.00 being collected to help Neighborhood Watch purchase a dog for the Elkton Police Department.

Mildred Shifflett, 112 West Spotswood Avenue, complimented Council for their positive image and professional demeanor.

MINUTES

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting of October 24, 2002 and the Regular Council meeting minutes of October 28, 2002.

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

Motion carried (6-0 voice vote)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief of Police

Chief Pullen reported that Halloween was quiet; Elkton Police Department assisted the Drug Task force with a raid; 30 pieces of evidence have been destroyed from the evidence room and more will be; arrests are up 10 over last month.

Chief Pullen introduced Rodney Hensley and Adam Williams as recently hired police officers.

Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator

Mr. McCoy reviewed his report. DEQ has required the Town to install a dechlorination system by 2003. Mr. McCoy is working with some engineering firms to give us proposals on how to dechlorinate the outflow. The study is free.

The water hauler station equipment has been ordered and should arrive and be installed within six weeks.

The water station is off until the door at the Spring is repaired.

A resident on Lewis Avenue received three notices of a blight property. The owner took no action to resolve the problem so the Town demolished the structure and billed the owner.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Vickers reported an ending ledger balance for October, 2002 for General Government of $187,467.05, minus designated money, for available cash of $91,395.54.

The Bond Account as of October 31, 2002 had an ending ledger balance of $48,483.01.

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

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

Motion carried (6-0 voice vote)

There were so many questions regarding Cemetery expenses and reimbursements that Mayor Printz asked that this be sent back to committee for further study.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric

No report.

Finance

No report.

Personnel

No report.

Public Health, Public Safety, and Ordinances

Mayor Printz set a Public Safety meeting for 4:30 P.M., Thursday, November 21, 2002.

Streets and Sidewalks

Council member Workman stated there were pending bids for several projects.

Recreation

Vice Mayor Murphy stated she was receiving complaints of skateboarders and bicyclists obstructing the walking track in the Park. Council member Pence agreed to take it back to the Recreation Commission to ascertain if signs were purchased to prohibit such activity.

Mr. McCoy's recollection was that Council rescinded posting signs at a subsequent Council meeting, following citizens' comments regarding the use of the track. A suggestion was made to install another track for skateboard and bicycle use. If that was not a feasible solution, then the Recreation Commission should designate a specific use for the walking track.

Water and Sewer

Council member Dean thanked the residents for cooperating with voluntary water use restrictions. Since conditions have improved, he recommended lifting the voluntary restrictions, but urged users to continue using good judgement in their water use.

He referred his new rate structure to New Business.

Planning Commission

The Commission voted to change their meeting time to the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Park Authority

Council member Snow stated the Authority is close to having a feasibility study done and they are in the process of checking references for a golf course architect.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Authority Loan - Second Reading

Council member Snow moved on a Second Reading, second by Vice Mayor Murphy, and carried that the Council authorize the establishment of a loan from the Town to the Park Authority for the sum of $33,424.88 and the budget be amended so those sums can be withdrawn from railroad funds ($13,424.88) and Economic Development ($20,000.00).

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

Motion carried (6-0 roll call)

Home Occupation Permit - Glenn Isom

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Snow, and carried to approve a Home Occupation Permit for Mr. Glenn Isom, 434 Wirt Avenue, to operate a gun repair shop, contingent upon a complete Fire Marshall inspection and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws.

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

Motion carried (6-0 roll call)

Chief Pullen did not express any objections to the permit approval.

Planning Commission Appointment - Bill Holt

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Snow, and carried to appoint Bill Holt to the Elkton Planning Commission for a term beginning December 1, 2002 and ending November 30, 2004.

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

Motion carried (6-0 roll call)

Resolution of Elkton Blue Sox

Council member Workman read the following Resolution:

Rockingham County Baseball League Champions 2002
Elkton Blue Sox

WHEREAS, the Elkton Blue Sox faced Fishersville in the sem-finals and defeated them three games to two to advance to the Championship Finals, and

WHEREAS, the Elkton Blue Sox faced elimination in the Championship Finals by being down three games to zero against Clover Hill, and

WHEREAS, the Elkton Blue Sox astonishingly emerged victorious in four straight games to win the title by four games to three, and

WHEREAS, Travis Ebaugh was named Most Valuable Player; Kirk Knight was selected Rookie of the Year; Yates Hall won Championship Most Valuable Player; and Mike Burtner captured Co-Manager of the Year, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of Elkton, on behalf of all citizens, recognize the resoluteness and tenacity of the Elkton Blue Sox and share with them in their pride as Rockingham County Baseball League Champions 2002, an accomplishment not matched since 1939.

Council member Workman moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to adopt the Resolution.

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

Motion carried (6-0 voice vote)

Amend Personnel Policy 14.0 - Travel Regulations

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Workman, to amend Personnel Policy 14.0, Travel Regulations, to read that effective October 1, 2002 conference registration fees for spouses of Council members and Mayor, Department Heads, and Clerk of Council attending the annual Virginia Municipal League Conference shall be an allowable and reimbursable expense.

YEAS: P. Workman, R. Snow

NAYS: T. Pence, C. Murphy, J. Dean, L. Sigafoose

Motion failed (4 - 2 roll call)

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

Council member Dean moved, second by Council member Sigafoose, 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
50,001	-	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**

These rates are in addition to the flat rate charge. As the rates apply to water haulers, Council agreed to send that back to Committee for discussion and review.

Vice Mayor Murphy asked if food catering was subject to meals tax. The Town Attorney will research the question and provide an answer.

There was discussion that these rates were presented as a First Reading and a vote was not necessary.

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Pence, and carried to go into closed session under Virginia Code 2.2-3711 and 15.2-2907D to discuss probable litigation and annexation.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow, 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 this 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 Pence duly seconded the motion.

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