Work Session
August 26, 2002

The Mayor and Town Council held a work session in Council Chambers on August 26, 2002 to ask questions and receive comments regarding a K-9 unit for the Elkton Police Department.

PRESENT
Mayor Printz
Vice Mayor Murphy
Council member Pence
Council member Workman
Council member Dean
Council member Snow
Council member Sigafoose

STAFF PRESENT
Richard Pullen, Chief of Police
Faye Vickers, Treasurer

GUESTS
Chief of Police Pete Monteleone, Town of Shenandoah, Virginia
Officer David Berry, Town of Shenandoah Police Department

Hazel Crider of the Neighborhood Watch program stated the K-9 would not cost the Town a nickel. The dog was a gift from the citizens and the business community. When asked by Council member Murphy what Neighborhood Watch expected from Council if they should fall short of their goal, Mrs. Crider said, "We will not fall short."

The Mayor, Council and those in attendance went outdoors to the municipal building parking lot for a demonstration of "Gus," Shenandoah's drug dog. Handler Officer Berry instructed Gus to search for drugs in a squad car. Gus circled the vehicle and stop at the truck in which, when opened by Officer Berry, contained a bag of marijuana. An equally dramatic event took place when Gus was ordered to attack. When commanded to assume a passive posture, Gus did so without hesitation. Gus displayed going from vicious protector to passive friend with a few words uttered by his handler.

Upon returning to the Council chambers following the demonstration, Mayor Printz took a straw vote showing support from Council members Pence, Workman, Dean, and Snow for Neighborhood Watch to continue their fund raising on behalf of the K-9. Council members Murphy and Sigafoose had some unanswered questions and declined, pending a closed session with the police department to discuss personnel matters.

Council member Murphy moved, second by Council member Sigafoose, and carried to go into closed session under Virginia State Code 2.1-344 to discuss personnel issues.
YEAS: T. Pence, C. Murphy, P. Workman, T. Dean, R. Snow, L. Sigafoose

Motion carried (6-0) voice vote

Council member 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 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. Council member Sigafoose duly seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

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

MAYOR: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

RECORDER: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk