Special
Council Meeting
February 25, 2002
7:00 P.M.

A Special Meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, February 25, 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. O'Neill
T. Pence
W. Printz
L. Sigafoose

Richard Carey, Clerk of Council, was also present.

Establish Urban Project on Spotswood Avenue - Second Reading

Councilman Dean moved, second by Councilman O'Neill, and carried to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Virginia Department of Transportation construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by council resolution be made in order that the department program an urban highway project in the Town of Elkton; now

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Town of Elkton, Virginia requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to establish a project for the reconstruction of Spotswood Avenue from the intersection of Spotswood Trail (State Route 33 Business) to the intersection of Stuart Avenue (State Route 340).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Town Council of Elkton subsequently elects to cancel this project, the Town of Elkton hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of the cost expended by the department through the date the department is notified of such cancellation.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, W. Printz, and L. Sigafoose
Motion carried (6-0)

Out-of-Town Water and Sewer Connection Rates - Second Reading

Councilman Dean moved, second by Councilman O'Neill and carried to approve that all out-of-town water and sewer connection rates not within the covered contract area with Rockingham County be increased to $8,000.00 each.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

Out-of-Town Utility Rates - Second Reading

Councilman O'Neill moved, second by Councilman Pence, and carried to approve that all water and sewer rates for all out-of-town customers not otherwise covered by

existing contracts with Rockingham County be increased effective March 1, 2002 as follows:

Water, base charge, from $5.00 to $7.50 per month;
Sewer, base charge, from $9.00 to $13.50 per month;
Water consumption cost per 1,000 gallons from $1.35 to $3.00;
Sewer cost per 1,000 gallons from $2.35 to $5.00.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

Topographical Map Allocation - Second Reading

Councilwoman Murphy moved, second by Councilman Dean, and carried to approve the authorization of Mayor Lee Dearing to negotiate a contract with Brenner & Associates to develop the topographical map of the Mary E. Kite and Elkton Cemetery properties at a scale of 1=50 to be used for annexation, the construction of water and sewer lines, and rezoning purposes at an estimated cost of $8,000.00 to come from the General Government funds.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

Matching Funds

Mayor Dearing had a letter sent to County Administrator William O'Brien and the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors in which he requested matching County funds, up to $300,000.00, for the development of a Community Center in Eastern Rockingham County.

Bonds - Second Reading

Mayor Dearing, in an effort to err on the side of caution, requested a Second Reading of the Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Elkton, Virginia Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of $2,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds.

Councilwoman Murphy moved, second by Councilman O'Neill, and carried to approve the Issuance and Sale of up to a maximum of $2,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds for the acquisition of real estate and the acquisition and/or construction of a community center as presented by Resolution at a Public Hearing on February 18, 2002.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

Touch Read System - First Reading

Councilman O'Neill, second by Councilman Printz, and carried to approve that $500.00 be allocated from the Water Budget to purchase the software necessary for touch read upgrade.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

Mayor Dearing had a frequently-asked twelve questions handout for Council's information. The handout will be distributed at the annexation Public Hearing on March 4 at the Elkton Middle School.

A question arose about insurance coverage for the contents of the Miller-Kite House. Mayor Dearing requested the Elkton Historical Society provide a detailed inventory of the contents of the Miller-Kite House, as well as photographs of the contents.

Councilman Printz moved, second by Councilman O'Neill, and carried to provide insurance coverage for the Elkton Historical Society for the contents of the Miller-Kite House.

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

Motion carried (6-0)

A lengthy conversation, in which the terms recreation facility and community center were used interchangeably, followed. Many areas of concern were addressed, such as construction of a golf course, the development of the Kite property, location of a recreation/community center, size, amenities, cost of a new facility vs. the cost of a renovated structure, operating costs, grants, contributions, and how to operate. The outcome of the discussion was that a recreation/community center was needed on this side of the County.

Mayor Dearing asked Council to review the bylaws for the Park Authority so, hopefully, by the Council meeting on March 18, the bylaws will be approved and the members of the Park Authority will be appointed. With a recommendation from Randell Snow, Councilman Printz was satisfied that the Authority would consist of ten active members plus two Council representatives.

Didi Hensley

Mr. Hensley sought Council's permission for out-of-town water/sewer connections for a proposed ice creme parlor. Due to line ownership conflicts with Rockingham County, the request was denied at this time. The suggestion from Council was for Mr. Hensley to apply to the County for a lot line revision.

Mayor Dearing stated a developer wants Elm Street opened for the construction of three houses. Council tabled action until the Planning Commission hears the request and makes a recommendation.

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

MAYOR: _____
M. Lee Dearing, Mayor

RECORDER: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk