Committee Meetings
October 24, 2002

PRESENT
W. E. Printz
C. H. Murphy
J. Dean
L. Sigafoose
R. Snow
P. Workman

STAFF PRESENT
Richard Pullen
Faye Vickers
Todd McCoy
Richard Carey

Elkton Progressive Improvement Committee - Stair to Memorial Park

Mayor Printz invited EPIC members to come before Council to clarify some specific details of their proposed project. The total length of the steps will be approximately 175 feet and will include four landings, with handrail. Mowing was not considered a negative. During times of icing or bad weather, the steps should be blocked from use in some manner. EPIC was told again to "sign the contract."

Dinkle Out-of-Town Water/Sewer Connections

Mr. Dinkle's father, Barry Ream, asked if Council would compromise the $16,000.00 connection fees since his daughter's house was in the proposed annexation area. Council member Dean believed a better solution was for the Dinkles and the other property owners in that area to seek a boundary line adjustment because Phase 2 annexation in that area could be 10 years or more in the future.

Christmas Tree

Some people have offered to donate a tree to the Town. An estimate will be sought to dig up a tree and replant it in an non-designated area. Buying and planting a new tree will also be evaluated.

Mock Assembly

Five hundred dollars was budgeted for Spotswood High School. Mrs. Vickers was authorized to release the check.

Christmas Party

Council approved two separate Christmas Parties, one for the employees and Council (budgeted) and one Town Christmas party to include all committee and commission members who serve the Town (not budgeted). The employee luncheon was a non-issue because that funding is generated from snack sales in the Treasurer's office. Christmas bonuses will remain the same: a gift certificate with a base value of $50.00, plus an additional $5.00 for each year of employment. Example: a five year employee would receive a gift certificate in the amount of $75.00 (budgeted). Both events will be held at the Kite mansion.

EAUS Donation Request

Council declined the request.

User Tax - Cell phone Tower

By resolution, the Town attorney told Mayor Printz that owners of cell phones within the

Town could be taxed.

Employee Cell Phones

Mr. McCoy stated he signed for new phones but did not sign a contract extension. Mrs. Vickers and Vice Mayor Murphy argued that the contract signed by former Mayor Dearing expired in September, 2002. Mr. McCoy said new phones were necessary because the old ones were obsolete. Mrs. Vickers interjected that only the Mayor could sign contracts and new phones must have been part of a new contract. Mr. McCoy stated if that were true, then he was unaware of that and he would take full responsibility for signing for new phones. Council member Snow questioned why there were so many phones in use. Council member Pence favored vehicle radios over cell phones. Council member Snow stated if there was justification for their use he could support cell phones.

Ruritans

Council member Snow invited all Council members to the Kite mansion on November 14 at 7:00 P.M.

Industrial Authority

Council member Dean wants to go forward with the Industrial Authority.

Holtzman Oil

The Town paid for the boundary line adjustment and Holtzman has yet to break ground to build. Council member Dean wants a letter written demanding a repayment to the Town or a firm construction date.

Trabosh Property

Council expressed no interest in purchasing the property.

Radar on 33

Mayor Printz will instruct Chief Pullen if he has two officers on duty one can set up radar on Rt. 33, but the time must be logged.

Historical Society

The Elkton Historical Society will host an open house at the Miller-Kite House on December 8.

Council member Pence will check with the Elkton Fire Department as to why they have not cashed the $8,000.00 check and purchased the camera.

Electric Generation

Council asked Mr. McCoy to extend an invitation to Mike York of the Harrisonburg Electric Commission to attend next month's committee meetings to discuss the installation of peak power electric generators.

Todd McCoy

Mr. McCoy presented the following:

1. A proposal from Lenny Campbell Service for installation of a Fuelmaster. Mr. McCoy will check the maintenance program and warranty on the system. Additionally, Council authorized Mr. McCoy to allow the water trucks to fill up until the key system is installed. It will be paid for from Capital Projects and Purchases - Water.

2. A proposal from B & S Contracting for Rockingham Street.

3. A proposal from S. W. Funk for the replacement of the Town's water supply storage cover. This will be discussed again at next month's committee meetings. Council member Snow would like to see an aesthetically pleasing design featuring a raised roof.

4. A proposal from C. W. Freeze for installation of a 450 feet fence at the Reservoir (Spring).

5. A proposal from C. W. Freeze for installation of an 850 feet fence at Reservoir Campsite. Mr. McCoy stated that Town electrician Claud Dean could take this job at a cost of $3,500.00 to $4,000.00. Vice Mayor Murphy said if Mr. Dean was bidding on this project he would have to submit a proposal and specifications. A conflict of interest was discussed.

6. A proposal from Hagemeyer for the replacement of roadway lighting in Town. Mr. McCoy stated the project would cost between nine and ten thousand dollars to replace 61 lights.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

RECORDER: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk