Committee Meetings
April 13, 2004

PRESENT
W. Printz
C. Murphy
T. Dean
L. Sigafoose
R. Snow
P. Workman

STAFF
Nathan Miller, Attorney
Faye Vickers
Richard Pullen

Diana with Mechanical Construction discussed electric billing with Council. Council member Snow explained the charges associated with demand meters and concluded the discussion by stating, "We will attempt to help you."

Benny King was recognized by Mayor Printz and spoke regarding the Quail Run Property Owners Association.

Council's consensus was to contact National Waste to discuss the possibility of another trash pick up day, hopefully Friday. This, in spite of the fact as Council member Dean repeatedly stated, that Council approved a contract that stated when annexation occurred, that pick up day could change. His rhetorical question and remark were, "Guess what? It changed."

Vice Mayor Murphy received complaints from residents who live on unpaved streets that their trash was not being picked up. Mrs. Vickers supplied several names of individuals who were being billed but who were not receiving pick up service. Her office is still having difficulty collecting trash fees from citizens who refuse the service and, consequently, refuse to pay for the service. Mr. Miller stated the Town could take civil action, which would most likely result in a lien on the property. Council will need additional time to consider the options to resolve these problems.

The meter readers will be given a memo to not drive the carts into people's yards to read meters. Council member Pence brought the complaint to Council's attention.

The Virginia Department of Health tested the Life well and Mayor Printz is awaiting the results.

Council member Workman was recognized for the Elkton Community Center sign.

Mr. Miller had 21 responses to the RFP. Some were generic responses and perhaps 3 were serious. Council's next step will be to schedule meetings with the interested parties. Council member Sigafoose asked how many in the group of 21 were willing to buy the entire property, but did not include the construction of a golf course. Attorney Miller stated there were "probably some" but he could not identify them at this time.

Attorney Miller reminded Council to study the Adelphia contract.

Attorney J. Burns Earle and Mrs. Vickers will implement the procedure to offset taxes owed to the Town from people who receive a state income tax refund. The Code already permits this procedure. Vice Mayor Murphy was looking for an offset on any money owed to the Town, not just taxes. Mr. Miller was unsure if it applied to utility bills, meals taxes, or vendors. The Treasurer will implement what Mr. Miller knows for certain she can offset.

The bids of electric upgrade at the Kite house will be re-bid.

Mayor Printz will have a certified electrician look at the wiring in the Community Center and recommend to Council what needs to be done.

Elmer Lawson's sewer problem at the apartments was discussed, as well as water leaks

on RT. 340.

The Lions Club wants to meet at the Community Center, as does the Neighborhood Watch and other groups. Council member Workman suggested various groups could "adopt a room" to set up and furnish to meet their needs. The JMU survey will be completed soon and Council member Workman will distribute it to the other Council members. The Chamber of Commerce is willing to take an active roll in Elkton to promote the Town and attract new businesses. Council member Workman received an offer from a gentleman to take an aerial photograph of Elkton. A digital sign may be a possibility to display Elkton events. September 11 will fall on a Saturday, the same day of the Horse Show and the University of Virginia vs. North Carolina game. Council member Workman asked someone to plan the 9/11 ceremony, if there is to be one. A Town festival will be discussed at a June 1 meeting. The ISTEA bidders must be qualified. There was no visible objection from Council for Gerald Monger to act on behalf of the Town for the ISTEA project and to correct the drainage problem in Stonewall Memorial Park. Angle parking on Warren Street will be followed through by Council member Workman. Dan Breeden has a paved parking lot which could be used as a municipal parking lot until such time that he would need the lot or the property was sold. Perhaps negotiations with Mr. Breeden could be pursued.

The Laborer II/Meter Reader position has been advertised and interviews will follow. Vice Mayor Murphy, Claud Dean and a third person will conduct the interviews. The advertisements for Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator and Town Manager will be published very soon, as the contents of the advertisements have been finalized. Mandatory water and sewer connections on Pentecostal Hill were again tabled pending a meeting to discuss the topic.

Treasurer

•Summer sewer rates apply to home owners. Churches do not qualify.
•Invoice for $77,600.00 for sewer. Mayor Printz will contact Todd to determine if work was completed. Council was not willing to pay in advance for a job not completed.
•Over the past 2 years, $16,000.00 has been paid to repair the bucket truck, which is a 1982 model. Council may want to consider replacing the truck.
•VRS retirement seminars can be attended. The employee(s) will be granted 4 hours. Any time over 4 hours, the employee will have to use vacation or personal time.

Chief of Police

•Police Department offices were painted and the floors were waxed.
•Chief attended Academy Board meeting.
•Conducted k-9 training.
•Checking detail at Rockingham Redi-Mix plant with RCSD.

Mayor Printz will work with Zep Manufacturing to replace the buffer.

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

Mayor: Wayne E. Printz
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

Recorder: Richard D. Carey
Richard D. Carey, Clerk