Committee Meetings
March 9, 2004

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

STAFF
Faye Vickers
Richard Pullen

Electrical Evaluation

After talking with Mike York with Harrisonburg Electric Commission, Mayor Printz learned of Fred Saffer of Florida, who will come to Elkton to evaluate our system and rate analysis as it pertains to billing at a charge of $2,500.00 to $3,000.00. Robert Thomas of North Carolina can evaluate the system for defects but Mayor Printz was unable to make contact with him. Mayor Printz will have Mr. McCoy check with VMEA members for someone to evaluate potential problems *pro bono.*

Rate Increase

By the terms of the contract, VMEA will increase by 2.09% what Elkton will pay to purchase electricity. Mrs. Vickers must multiply all the current Town rates by 1.0209% in order to cover the increase charged to the Town. Under the contract, rates can also increase on January 1, 2005, 06, and 07. This is not a rate increase for profit by the Town. It is simply a flow-through from the customers to pay the increase charged by VMEA.

Adelphia Contract

Council member Dean objected to what amounted to a 20 year contract and the terms to renew or terminate the contract. Council will await a review and recommendation from Attorney Miller.

Norfolk Southern Lease

Mayor Printz outlined the Lease Agreement for a proposed parking lot on 5th Street, which contained a stipulated rental fee of $810.00 per year. At this time, a response had not been received from the Town's request for the land to be donated or bought. Vice Mayor Murphy stated she would not support improving rental land owned by others.

Quail Run Homeowners Association

According to Mayor Printz, the Association wished to dissolve and have the Town mow the Common Grounds. Before acting on the request, Council wants to know who owns the Common Grounds and the size of the area to be mowed.

Ceiling Tile for Community Center

Mayor Printz will check prices at Shenandoah Building Supply and Valley Gypsum Company.

Council Member Snow

•Donation of an organ for the Kite house.
Council will gladly accept the gift.
•Triad is progressing with the survey. There may be a "building" on the north end of the property. May be at the Wrangler property tomorrow. Without complications, the map may be completed by April 1.
•Town offices will not be moved to the Wrangler building. The plan calls for a Council Chambers and possibly an office for Lynn Meadows.

•A friend of George McDaniel's will do a complimentary floor layout of the Community Center.
•Estimate of $45,000.00 for new heating and air conditioning at Wrangler building.

Mr. McCoy arrived.

•Boiler at Wrangler building must be inspected yearly.
•Steve Kite will allow access to his property to resolve the drainage problem. VDOT should be involved as part of the solution.
•Valley Engineering is waiting for a topographical map of Elkwood property. Mr. McCoy estimated a cost of $42,000.00 for a half mile of 10 inch line (Elkwood loop).
•Meetings needed for reorganization and Chicken Hill sewer.
•Mrs. Vickers reported that the new businesses were current with meals taxes.
•Estimate for personal property tax offered.

Elkwood Development

•Mayor Printz: Dentons agreed to close Persimmon but changed their minds. The Dentons are willing to pay for a right-of-way from Mr. Banks.
•Council member Snow: Will not closing Persimmon kill the deal?
•Mayor Printz: If you don't close Persimmon you're back at square one. He was steadfast because the Dentons originally agreed to the closing.
•Council member Sigafoose: Thought all this had been decided.
•Council member Snow: Wanted to know the Council vote when citizens sitting in the audience may be unhappy with the vote.
•Council member Workman: If water pressure was not improved, then there would be a different group of dissatisfied citizens.
•Council member Dean: Understood that the undeveloped part of Sweetgum would be closed. Persimmon was to be extended to the new development and opened for emergency vehicles only.
•Council member Workman: Was one of the first buyers in Elkwood and understood at that time that Elkwood would be further developed. He objected that the complaints of a few people have stalled the Dentons for months.

Council continued to discuss traffic flow and entrances and exits. Council member Snow again asked for a consensus if Persimmon would stop the water loop and other plans.

•Vice Mayor Murphy saw a no-win decision. If the development went forward without the loop then there would be 2,000 people complaining about the low water pressure.

Treasurer

•Claim of a lost decal will result in the purchase of a new decal at full cost.
•No decals will be displayed on Town vehicles.
•Hiram Kite expenses will be set up separately.
•Rockingham County offers tax relief to the elderly with limited income for real estate and personal property.

Council Member Dean

•Vehicles parked on any street or municipal parking lot for longer than 15 days should be changed to 2 days. Sec. 158-17.
•Change "duty of the Mayor" to "duty of the Chief of Police." Sec. 158-18.

Todd McCoy

•Service upgrade for Kite house - 200 amp panel and 2 dedicated receptacles for A/C units - $1,400.00 - Blue Ridge Electric.
•Bear Lithia cleaned 1st Wednesday of each month.

•ISTEA advertised this weekend.
•Town of Elkton corporation signs moved.
•Approximately $50,000.00 additional in Street Maintenance due to annexed 5.5 miles of roads.
•Discussed the water line repair at OD & Co.
•Bear Lithia key system - $21,500.00 - carry over to 04-05 budget.

Council Member Workman

•Web page updated.
•Discussed Jamestown 2007 and how Elkton could benefit by being a participant.
•Move Citizen Comments to the end of Council meeting.
•Set two committee nights.

Vice Mayor Murphy

•Advertising for a Laborer II who will be required to read meters.
•Pentecostal Hill hook-ups.
•Discussed blight properties. Council wants the Town cleaned up.
•Council agreed to continue Cost Alliance with Dental health coverage for employees.
•Agreed with Council member Workman to hold two committee meetings nights.

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

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

Recorder: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk