Regular
Council Meeting
June 21, 2004

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held on Monday June 21, 2004 in Council Chamber with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. The following Council members were present:

PRESENT
J. T. Dean
C. H. Murphy
T. Pence
L. Sigafoose
R. L. Snow
P. Workman

Attorney Derrick Whetzel, Faye Vickers, Treasurer, Richard Pullen, Chief of Police, and Richard Carey, Clerk of Council, were also present.

Council member Dean offered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Stacy Slye of Rockingham County Circuit Court was present to swear in recently elected and re-elected Council members Theodore Pence, Lucky Sigafoose, and Stephen Sigafoose. Re-elected Mayor Printz also took his oath.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Caroline Brill, 148 Sweetgum, recognized out-going Vice Mayor Murphy for her four years of unselfish service to the Town of Elkton. She then asked when Council would meet with the Cemetery Commission. By stating that Elkton was not Beijing, China, she inquired why Council was trying to suppress public comments.

MINUTES

Council member Dean moved, second by Council member Snow, and carried to approve the Committee Meetings minutes of May 11, 2004.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Council member Snow moved, second by Vice Mayor Murphy and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 17, 2004.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to approve the Budget Meeting minutes of May 20, 2004, as amended.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of May 25, 2004.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Workman, and carried to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting of May 25, 2004.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief of Police

Chief Pullen presented his report.

Treasurer

Mrs. Vickers reported an ending ledger balance of $573,591.94 for General Government for the month of May 2004, with total cash available of $536,168.11. The Bond Account ledger balance for the same period was $19,036.33.

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Sigafoose, and carried to approve the Treasurer's report.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electricity

Council member Sigafoose announced the light at the post office was installed and the bucket truck was purchased. Council member Sigafoose would like the area lighted where the Ruritans and others barbeque chicken.

Finance

Council member Snow listed the Capital Projects and Equipment included in the FY 04-05 budget:

- 3% raise for employees
- $24,000 for ISTEA
- $10,000 for pole barn
- $15,000 for bathroom at Merck Park
- $77,600 for grid system
- $10,000 for roof at Spring
- $40,000 for labor and other equipment for grid system
- $30,000 for Life well
- $3,500 for GPS line study
- $50,000 for Elkwood water loop
- Warren, O Street, Prospect, West Summit, and Elk Street listed as projects but no total available
- $1,200 for drainage pipe in the Cemetery
- $50,000 for heating system in the Community Center
- $2,000 for computer
- $28,300 for two used police vehicles
- $10,000 for first payment for bucket truck (financed for 5 years)
- $23,000 for Fluid Master at Bear Lithia

- $4,500 for leaf vacuum
- $6,000 for lawn mower

The total for Capital Projects is $271,300.00 and $123,800.00 for Capital Equipment.

Personnel

Deferred to New Business

Public Health, Public Safety, and Ordinances

Mayor Printz hopes the new Council will take action against blight areas in Town.

Streets and Sidewalks

Council member Workman received a $3,700.00 quote from Triad for reengineering of drop inlets. Warren Street will be bid out as a separate project. Due to a high bid and mistakes on the drawings, VDOT suggested we rebid ISTEA. Council member Workman stated ISTEA is not in jeopardy of forfeiture as long as the Town actively pursues the grant.

Water and Sewer

The well pump shaft needs to be replaced. The crane will arrive tomorrow to install a replacement shaft which we have on-hand. Council member Dean stated the job would take approximately two hours.

Recreation

Council member Pence stated Little League has damaged $2,500.00 worth of gymnastic equipment. The Recreation Commission recommended changing the name of the Community Center to Stonewall District Community Center. Council member Pence was opposed to the name change based on the fact that the Center was Elkton's and not the Stonewall District's.

Council member Workman stated the name Stonewall Community Center was discussed in Committee because that offered more possible County funding. He referred to the Plains District Community Center in Timberville which displays a Rockingham County logo. The County provides janitorial service as well as daily supervision to that Center. Council member Workman disliked the idea of creating a barrier between the Town of Elkton and the County wherein Elkton could lose valuable support from the County. The name Stonewall Community Center could possibly qualify us to enter into the County system and reap the rewards of such a partnership.

Mayor Printz stated it was "assumed" Little League was responsible for the damage to the gymnastic mats, even though some Council members had personally witnessed children pushing other children in roller chairs across the mats as the parents watched.

Council member Pence insisted on proper supervision and regulation of Little League.

Mayor Printz received a $2,000.00 proposal from James Sease to design a floor plan for the Community Center. JMU could install the lines for the computer and telephones.

Planning Commission

The annexed areas have been rezoned.

Cemetery Commission

No report.

Charter Revisions Committee

No report.

Park Authority

A counter proposal will be made to the prospective buyers of the Kite property.

Economic and Community Development Committee

The Elkton web page will be available soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution to Designate Wirt Avenue as a No Cruising Area - Second Reading

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to amend Elkton Town Code Sections 8-1-24 and 8-1-25 to new Sections 158-26(A) and 158-27(A) and add Wirt Avenue as a no cruising area.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Approve Community Center Purchase Option 1 - Second Reading

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Pence, and carried to approve Community Center purchase option 1.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Reinvest $125,000.00 CD

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to reinvest a $125,000.00 CD.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Accept Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals Resignation - Thomas Weyrick

Council member Workman moved, second by Council member Pence, and carried to accept the resignation of Thomas Weyrick from the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective June 16, 2004.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Motion to Raise Water Hauler Rates From $1.35 to $2.00 per Thousand Gallons of Water - First Reading

As a First Reading, Council member Dean moved to raise the rate the Town of

Elkton charges water haulers from $1.35 to $2.00 per thousand gallons of water.

Motion to Accept Offer From Mr. and Mrs. Shuck for Use of Parking Area on Spotswood Avenue

Council sent the proposal to the Town Attorney, who will prepare a Lease Agreement.

Council member Workman was authorized to contact Mr. Shuck to discuss the proposed Warren Street project. It appears Mr. Shuck owns property along Warren Street that the Town may need for parking spaces.

Motion to Increase Mayor/Council Salaries

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Pence, and carried to increase the Mayor's salary from $200.00 a month to $300.00 a month, and to increase Council members' salaries from $100.00 a month to $200.00 a month, effective July 1, 2004.

Mayor Printz stated he checked with Bob Holton and the Town attorney and the raises for all Council members and the Mayor could go into effect on July 1, 2004.

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

Motion carried (5 with one abstention - roll call)

Motion to Approve an Employee's Birthday as an Addition Holiday, Amend Personnel Policy 1.6

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to amend Personnel Policy 1.6 to include an employee's birthday as an additional paid holiday, effective July 1. 2004.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Accept Sergeant John Atwood's Letter of Retirement

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Snow, and carried to accept a letter of retirement from Sergeant John Atwood, effective July 1, 2004.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Motion to Temporarily Appoint James Morris as Police Sergeant

To be discussed in closed session.

Discussion - Pentecostal Hill

Mayor Printz met with Blackwell Engineering to arrange for construction plans for Pentecostal Hill.

FY 04-05 Budget Amendments and Approval

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to amend the FY 04-05 budget by reallocating money from Raise Allocations to Mayor/Council salary increases.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Council member Snow moved, second by Vice Mayor Murphy, and carried on a Second Reading to approve the FY 04-05 budget as previously published and amended tonight.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Bucket Truck Loan - First Reading

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, to authorize the Treasurer to pursue the loan for the bucket truck and authorize borrowing of the money.

Vice Mayor Murphy questioned if two readings would be necessary. Council member Snow stated if two readings were required, the second reading could be Thursday.

Closed Session

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Sigafoose, and carried to go into closed session under Virginia Code 2.2-3711 to discuss personnel issues and disposition of real property.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Vice Mayor 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 Workman duly seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (6 - 0 roll call)

Temporary Appointment

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Snow, and carried to appoint James Morris as Police Sergeant on a temporary basis, effective immediately.

YEAS: C. Murphy, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow, and P. Workman
NAYS: T. Pence
ABSTAIN: J. Dean

Motion carried (4 - 1 with one abstention)

Computer Maintenance Contract

A discussion of the computer maintenance contract followed. It was agreed to ask for a month's extension to the current contract with Samuel Graham and arrange for both bidders to address Council and answer questions at the next Committee meetings.

Advisory Committee

Council member Snow's recommendation to appoint a new advisory committee when the new Council convenes was well received.

Kite House Electric Upgrade

Council member Snow received a quote from Robert Seal of $3,200.00 for electrical upgrade at the Kite house. Council agreed to proceed with the project.

As there was no further business, **Council member Snow moved, second by Vice Mayor Murphy, and carried to adjourn at 9:40 P.M.**

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

Recorder: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk