Committee Meetings
July 12, 2005

PRESENT
J. Dean
C. McDaniel
T. Pence
W. Printz
R. Snow
P. Workman

STAFF
J. Burns Earle, III
Dennis Donachy
Marty Shifflett
Clairen Sipe
Richard Pullen
Richard Carey

ABSENT
S. Sigafoose

Mr. Donachy's Topics

1. Brought forward for a First Reading of Article I, General Provisions to make sure the local ordinances and State Code reconciled. § 158-1. Adoption of state law. Added language is It is intended that this ordinance includes all future amendments to the state statues referenced herein and becomes effective upon the effective date of such statues as state law.

2. Mr. Donachy will prepare a resolution similar to the one adopted by the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors on June 14, 2005, which encouraged Virginia's gubernatorial candidates, as well as all candidates for state and federal office, "to refrain from establishing local tax policy at the state or federal level due to the potential negative impact such action may have on the ability of local government to deliver local services."

3. Reclassify Donna Gooden as Deputy Treasurer, empowered as check signatory in the absence of a Treasurer. No salary adjustment required.

4. Mr. Donachy presented a letter from Norfolk Southern Railway Company regarding Pipe and Wire License Agreement between Norfolk Southern Railway Company and the Town of Elkton, Norfolk Southern Billing ID No. EM2500. Under the current terms of the Agreement, Elkton is billed $480.00 annually. It is desired to amend the agreement to eliminate all future billings for all active Pipe and/or License Agreements affected by the above Billing ID No. To accomplish this, a lump sum payment of $7,200.00 was requested. Attorney Miller will review the proposal and make a recommendation at the Council meeting.

5. Rockingham Municipal League meeting in Grottoes on Wednesday, July 20. Three Council members will attend.

6. Mr. Donachy introduced for a First Reading an ordinance to repeal Chapter 139 (Solid Waste), Article II (Accumulation of Weeds, Junk, and Trash) and replace it with Chapter 120 (Nuisances), and to Add Language to Sections 120-3, 120-5, and 120-9 to Clarify Who is Charged with Enforcement and Change Section 120-6 to Correct Spelling.

7. Mr. Donachy presented a resolution for Consent to Assignment and Change of Control for the Adelphia cable television franchise.

8. A Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 170 (Water and Sewers), Section 170-29 (Connection Within Town) to Remove Paragraph B.

9. A Second Reading to Amend Chapter 170 (Water and Sewers), Section 170-28 (Application for Sewer Connection and Sewer Service) to Limit Prepaid Connections.

10. As a means of comparison to other municipalities which must cope with mandated sewer upgrades, Mr. Donachy presented a newspaper article featuring Elkins,

West Virginia. Wastewater customers there can expect an increase from $13.42 to $22.42.

11. Mr. Donachy presented the following items of concern/consideration:

    a. Economic Development – Need incentives to bring new businesses to the downtown area and improve the existing businesses.

    b. Sewer Treatment – Plant needs to be upgraded to meet DEQ mandates and to handle more capacity.

    c. Parks and Recreation – Community Center remodel needs to be completed, the building furnished and personnel hired to run the facility. Parks need constant maintenance and upgrade.

    d. Utility Infrastructure – Old water and sewer lines need upgrading as well as the electric service. With all the new area to be serviced with electric there will be a need for a new substations.

    e. Police, Fire, and Rescue – With the influx of more residents there is a need to hire, equip and train more personnel in all areas.

    f. Water – the Town has good water sources but needs to connect to these water sources and bring them into the existing system.

12. Two officers will graduate from the Police Academy on August 2.

13. Monday's Council agenda will be modified to accommodate the travel plans of Council member McDaniel and Mr. Donachy. Angler representatives will be present for a closed session.

• Liquid sludge was discussed. Mr. Carey read a prepared letter which was given to Attorney Earle for review. Council asked for a resolution and a demand for a local public hearing.

• Interview candidates for Economic Director on Monday, July 25.

Chief of Police

• The disposition of a vehicle parked at Dean's Texaco was discussed.

• The possibility of a left turn signal at Pizza Hut (entering Town from the south).

• "Traffic control device" at Rockingham and Stuart.

• Reduce speed limit to 35 MPH from old Town limits to new Town limits.

Public Works

• Marty Shifflett included in his report the condition of the '96 Ford Utility truck, an incident involving the '05 Chevy, the sewer machine (in service), and the Kubota tractor (due to arrive July 19, 2005).

• Stump removal

• Mr. Shifflett will meet with Triad on Friday at 9:30 a.m., (ISTEA)

• Generator to produce electricity. Could result in an income of approximately $20,000.00 per month. A generator can be purchased for $400,000.00.

- Heads-up on electricity for Angler

- Radio read meters

- Pentecostal Hill project is about 40% complete and 43% spent out ($532,661.64).

- Vice Mayor Snow discussed references to the "Cemetery Committee" as they appear on the Site Deed. Monumental, hedges, etc., "as approved by the Cemetery Committee." Should all references to the Cemetery Committee be replaced with "Town Manager"?

- Boundary line adjustments for Countryside Market and Hiram Kite property.

- Riverside Park bathroom – unisex bathroom instead of 2 separate ones, plus a shower facility.

- Possible bathroom for Elkton Landing.

- Scheduled cleaning of Park bathrooms.

- Prioritize Work Orders.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

Recorder: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk