Special
Council Meeting
March 28, 2005

A Special Meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held in Council Chambers on Monday, March 28, 2005 with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. Mayor Printz stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Elk Run Cemetery issues. The following Council members were present:

PRESENT
J. Dean
C. McDaniel
T. Pence
S. Sigafoose
R. Snow
P. Workman

Town Manager Dennis R. Donachy was also present.

Council discussed the following "Points of Agreement/Discussion."

1. The Town of Elkton owns Elk Run Cemetery.
2. The Town of Elkton must maintain the Cemetery.
3. The Town has perpetual care responsibility through its yearly budget.
4. The Cemetery Commission is an advisory board to the Council.
5. The Cemetery Commission responsibility is to oversee Cemetery operations and make recommendations regarding improvements, upgrades and/or deficiencies to the Council through the Special Departments Coordinator and the Town Manager.
6. If at all possible the Cemetery should be self sufficient and be able to pay its own expenses.
7. Prices of lots should be at a level to ensure revenue meets expenses.
8. Cemetery By-laws need to be updated.
9. Cemetery Commissioners need to have an Elkton mailing address.
10. Current Real Estate and Perpetual Funds need to be reevaluated and changed to reflect current and future needs.

The following proposals emerged from a lengthy Council discussion:

1. The Cemetery Commission will serve as an advisory body to the Elkton Town Council.
2. Council agreed to a compromised total of $150,000.00 to be reimbursed to the Town from the Cemetery. As the $150,000.00 represents money already spent for Cemetery maintenance, the total would go into the General Fund.
3. A monthly report of Cemetery expenses will be included with the Treasurer's report.
4. Price per space will increase to $600.00 effective July 1, 2005.
5. Review and rewrite Cemetery By-laws.
6. Three hundred thirty seven thousand dollars ($337,000.00) will be distributed in the following manner:
    a. $150,000.00 to the Town to repay the last six years' expenses.
    b. $87,000.00 to the Real Estate Fund.
    c. $100,000.00 to the Operating Fund for the perpetual care of the Cemetery.
    d. Space fee will be divided $200.00 to Real Estate and $400.00 to Operating Fund.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS

1. Council member McDaniel reported the Economic Development Director for the Town of Broadway would be leaving his position. Council member McDaniel asked if

Council wanted to meet with him and possibly consider him as Main Street Director for the Town of Elkton, a position which has not been advertised.

2. Vice Mayor Snow offered to present an ordinance to move Town elections to November. Attorney Miller advised Mr. Donachy this would be acceptable under State Code. Supervisor Mike Breeden supports the move.

3. Mike Breeden met with Council member McDaniel to discuss developing a better working relationship between the Town and County, possibly through a liaison. At that time, Mr. Breeden expressed his support of November Town elections as a "good faith effort" to save the County money. "He wasn't able to line item the money in the budget this year that George wanted for the Community Center, but he promised that he would, I think he said that he would see that we had $500.000.00 next year," stated Council member McDaniel.

4. Peak shave running of generators.

5. An unused equipment list will be made for the disposal of such equipment, possibly an auction.

6. Mr. Donachy has a planner available for the long-range planning meeting on April 23.

7. Mayor Printz brought the discussion back to Mike Breeden. It was discussed that Mr. Breeden would strive to obtain $250,000.00 for the Town for the next five years, but hoped for $500.000.00 next year because $250,000.00 could not be line itemed this year.

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

Mayor: _____

Recorder: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk