Public Hearing
June 8, 2009
6:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing of the Elkton Town Council was held to receive comments regarding the 2009-2010 fiscal budget. The public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. on June 8, 2009 at Elkton Area Community Center. Mayor Larry A. Bompiani presided. The following Council members were present:

PRESENT
M. Dearing
M. Isom
H. Armbruster
D. Kite
P. Workman
R. Snow

Town Manager Reid A. Wodicka, Town Attorney Lauri A. N. Sigler, Chief of Police James A. Morris, Treasurer Clairen Sipe, Public Works Director Timmy Turner, EACC Administrator Allison Morris, Recreation Director Diane Johnson and Clerk of Council Denise R. Monger were also present.

Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and the Clerk was asked to call the roll.

(A copy of the Notice is appended to the minutes and marked as "Appendix A".)

Cathy Murphy, Elkton, reviewed the budget and submitted twenty-three questions on the matter to Town Manager Reid Wodicka. She thanked Mr. Wodicka for his prompt response. She noted that after the 2006 election Council passed an emergency spending plan which the current Council was working under. She questioned expenditures under capital projects such as the $12,000.00 fence at the Cemetery and $9,000.00 renovation work at the Kite House. She suggested that those items be deferred until the Town's financial outlook had improved. She noted that the categories of "other" in the budget should be reviewed and redefined. She noted that the refuse budget was $244,000.00 or $4,700 per week and that the Town also paid landfill charges. She requested that the matter be reviewed and requests made for estimates regarding the cost of the Town providing its own refuse service. Further, she questioned if the Town or the vendor received funds from the recyclables. She would discuss the water and sewer rates at that public hearing.

Marty Shifflett, Elkton, Mr. Shifflett noted that he would speak at the public hearing regarding the water and sewer rates.

Michael O'Neill, Elkton, stated that he had reviewed the budget. He did not agree with the salary increase for the Town Manager. He noted that the salary increase was not disclosed to Council during hiring process. He noted that the taxpayers were being forced to pay for undisclosed costs after the fact. He noted that the action was distorted and disappointing. He noted that Town personnel were a major expense for the Town. He noted an issue with one employee who was not performing his job duties which needed to be addressed.

Mr. O'Neill continued by stating that he expected prudence with expenditures which was not occurred. He noted that a sewer treatment plant employee had received a pay increase with the understanding that he would become certified. He questioned if that certification had been obtained. He noted that the Community Center had a $200,000.00 deficit which he felt was being subsidized by the increased meals tax rate last year. He noted that the County's contribution to the center had decreased. He felt it inappropriate that in-town residents paid the same membership fee to the center as County residents. He noted that a rate increase would be needed for sewer.

Roy Gene Davis, Elkton, stated he had served on the Elkton Town Council previously. He noted that Council should not blame previous Council's for the difficult issues it was now facing. He cautioned Council not to borrow money to save money. He noted that "cuts" should entail the Town Department Heads approving no overtime and a reduction of 5-10%. He noted the difficult decisions people were being forced to make such as whether to purchase medication or groceries.

Mr. Davis questioned why heavy equipment and three Town employees were used for the project of replacing gravel with mulch at grounds of the Town Hall. He suggested that the person responsible for approving the project should have to reimburse the Town for expenses. He questioned why there was no spending freeze and less waste as was promised in the recent elections. Lastly, he noted that the Town was dealing with a serious budget and that Council had made no effort in cutting expenditure or made had any consideration for the people of the Town.

As there was no additional business, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor: Larry A. Bompiani
Larry A. Bompiani

Recorder: Denise R. Monger
Denise R. Monger, Clerk

APPENDIX A

DAILY NEWS-RECORD

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CITY/COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the jurisdiction aforesaid this 29th day of May, 2009 by

Sharon L. Posey

Betty L. Hinkle - Notary Public
My commision expires 6/30/10
Notary Registration Number: 167581

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TOWN OF ELKTON

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the attached advertisement of:

06/08 BUDGET 2009/2010
SUMMARY W/CORRECTION
PO#: 19648

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON

A Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget will be held on June 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Elkton Area Community Center, which is located at 20593 Blue & Gold Drive, Elkton. At the Public Hearing the public may present oral or written comments and ask questions concerning the budget. Copies of the detailed budget are available for review in the Treasurer's Office, at 173 West Spotswood Avenue, Elkton, Virginia from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. M – F.

Elkton Town Budget 2009/2010 - Summary

	2009/2010 Proposed
Expenses by Dept.	
General Fund	1,658,115.00
Electric	1,533,700.00
Water	298,700.00
Sewer	739,400.00
Sanitation – Garbage	244,750.00
Cemetery	58,000.00
Community Center	403,839.00
Total Expenses	**4,936,504.00**

	2009/2010 Proposed
Revenues by Dept.	
General Fund	1,601,204.00
Electric	1,992,000.00
Water	440,300.00
Sewer	591,000.00
Sanitation - Garbage	146,000.00
Cemetery	35,000.00
Community Center	131,000.00
Total Revenues	**4,936,504.00**

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Total Expenses	4,936,504.00
Budget Balance	**0.00**

CORRECTION TO PUBLIC NOTICE: Please be advised that the expenses for Sanitation – Garbage and the Community Center listed in the public notice published on May 22, 2009 in the Daily News Record were made in error. The corrected amounts should be $146,000.00 (Sanitation-Garbage) $131,000.00 (Community Center).

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