November 12, 1996

Planning Commission Minutes

Planning Commission Members Present: Tom Weyrick, Andy Dixon, Lou Ellen Kirkendall, Gene Kite, Larry Baugher, and Benny King

Staff Present: Gerald Monger and Julia Smith

Council Members Present: Lee Dearing

Chairman Weyrick called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Kirkendall motioned to approve the minutes of the October 8, 1996; seconded by Mr. Dixon. Minutes were approved.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
Committees that were appointed at the October meeting were asked to report.

Public Safety, Fire and Community Facilities: Benny King and Larry Baugher

Mr. King covered several pages of the Comprehensive Plan pertaining to Community Facilities:

1. Page 20 & 22 had contradictory areas. Page 20 describes the soil in the area as sand, clay and gravel. Page 22 states soil is not permeable enough. Mr. King asked that Mr. Monger have a soil study of the area done.

2. Mr. King requested that Casey Billhimer be asked to look into the historical aspects of the town.

3. Page 18 Flood plains need to be verified.

4. Page 19 Water pressure problem in ~~Ellwood~~. Mr. Monger reported that in 1974 a study showed another well was needed in ~~Ellwood.~~

5. Page 24 Development of Parks on the River: Suggestion was made that this be removed from the plan. Recommended that ShenElk be considered for park growth.
   Page 25 States the boat ramp does exist and is to be maintained by the town.

6. Page 34 Condition of Houses: Not Complete.

7. Page 36 List of businesses needs to be updated. 1990 census shows

population to be 2,070.

8. Page 40 Map referred to as existing uses needs color coded. Gerald will try to locate one. EPIC - Kids Castle and picnic area.

9. Page 41 Industry Development: Route 340 north and south are in the plan. Suggested these areas be removed due to flooding.

10. Page 43 and 44 Incomplete

11. Page 45 Leakage in the town water system was questioned. Is this still a problem? What are we pumping compared to what we bill?

12. Page 49 Health facilities - Need the number of Doctors and facilities.

13. Page 33 Education - Need enrollment in schools.

Mr. King also reported that he met with Chief Pence to get information on what was needed in the way of Public Safety. Mr. Weyrick asked that Mr. King put this information in draft form. A brief summary of that information follows:

More vehicles - 2 officers per car
1 officer for every 250 residents
75% of crimes were committed by non-residents
Elkton is approximately 1.2 square miles but patrols a much larger area
Sheriff Dept. is looking at possibly making Elkton a satellite office

Mr. Baugher reported on the Fire and Rescue:

Fire department answers 700 calls per year.
10 year plan is to build a new station on the land outside of town.
A report about the fire department and rescue squad are attached.

Transportation

Mr. Baugher and Mr. Weyrick had not completed their report.

Government Structure and Function:

Mr. Dixon needs more information and will report next meeting.

Ms. Kirkendell requested that letters be sent to residents asking them to serve on the commission. Ask that letters be sent out in December and to be returned by January so as to hold a public hearing in February. Notice should also be put in the paper for the Advisory Committee.

The Christmas party date and time was announced.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Tom Weyrick, Chairman

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Lou Ellen Kirkendell, Secretary