Special
Council Meeting
(Budget Work Session)
April 4, 2016
4:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Elkton Area Community Center on April 4, 2016 at approximately 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. The purpose of the meeting was as follows: Budget Work Session and to interview for the position of EACC Director (6:00 p.m. closed session).

PRESENT	ABSENT
Wayne Printz, Mayor	None
Jay Dean, Vice Mayor	
Margaretta Isom, Council Member	
Harry Armbruster, Council Member	
Jeffrey Jones, Council Member	
Joshua Gooden, Council Member	
Gerry Comer, Council Member	

PRESENT	ABSENT
Aaron Hammer, Chief of Police	None
Troy Shifflett, Public Works Director	
Clairen Sipe, Town Treasurer	
Diane Johnson, Recreation Director	
Charlotte Shifflett, Zoning Administrator	
Denise Monger, Clerk of Council	

BUDGET WORK SESSION

- Draft budget presented for 2016/2017.
- Each line item under the following were reviewed and discussed:
    1. General Government – Revenues
    2. General Government – Expenses
    3. Community Center – Expenses
    4. Streets – Expenses
    5. Garbage – Expenses
    6. Recreation – Expenses
    7. Police - Expenses
- Delinquent taxes discussed / Town enrolled in the Vehicle Registration Withholding program in which the DMV assists local governments in collecting delinquent revenue by placing a "stop" on registration renewals until outstanding taxes are paid.
- Financial information disclosed to Treasurer's office to determine BPOL tax.
- Review of Mary Liz Humphries' Dance School / review $3,000 revenue / Town received complaints regarding tuition fees, costume charges, mandatory fund-raisers and students paying to participate in the performance at East Rockingham.
- Town only receiving $230-300 per month rent from Mrs. Humphries for the activity building / Town provides all paper products, utilities, phone, etc…
- Treasurer has legal authority to review any accounting documents for businesses located in Town.
- Jeff Jones to speak with Recreation Commission regarding the matter.
- Suggestion that each member of the Elkton Planning Commission receive an additional $100 per month pay / totals $200 per month.
- Council did not approve the additional $100 per month noting that Council members only receive $300 per month.
- Proposed employee salary increase 3%.
- Health insurance premiums increased / employee with a major diagnosis remained on the Town's insurance for two years.
- $80,000 for attorney's fees / suggestion to cut legal expenses by not having Town Attorney attend meetings / decision to review the matter / no changes at the moment.

- Disney film to be shown on the new outdoor theater / cost $200-$300 to show each movie / Town to search for sponsors to pay for the fees.
- Changed personnel policy to advertise employment positions once / cost of ads reduced by half.
- $136,000 from General Government to be correctly placed in Capital Equipment.
- Replacement computers discussed for the Community Center / capital equipment purchase.
- Heating and air conditioning an issue at the center.
- $25,000 needed for expanded parking lot and lines at the center / $29,000 in Capital Projects.
- Lights needed at EACC / Troy to research.
- Landfill charges $70,000.
- Town not under contract with Green Earth but does have a contract with Long Enterprise / bid out recycling service / one more year on Long contract.
- Town lost $56,000 this year under trash removal contract.
- Research if Town can sell dump truck.
- Unable to hire additional full-time officer / increase to hire part-time officer.
- Satellite office for Rockingham County Sheriff's Office discussed.
- Suggestion to hire undercover officer.
- Police officers use their own cell phones / suggestion to give them a phone stipend at $36 per month.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned to interview for the position of EACC Director at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz

Recorder: _____
Denise R. Monger, Clerk