Regular Council Meeting
May 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held on May 16, 2016, at approximately 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at the Elkton Area Community Center with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. The following Council members and staff were present:

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
Nathan Miller, Town Attorney	Denise Monger, Clerk of Council
Aaron Hammer, Chief of Police	
Troy Shifflett, Public Works Director	
Clairen Sipe, Town Treasurer	
Diane Johnson, Recreation Director	
Charlotte Shifflett, Zoning Administrator	

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Printz called the meeting to order. He thanked Mrs. Shifflett for substituting as clerk for the evening. Mrs. Shifflett was asked to call the roll.

The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Dean.

All present were asked to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Armbruster stated that National Police Week was ongoing and asked all in attendance to share in a moment of silence for fallen officers.

Mayor Printz acknowledged the passing of Dr. Jon M. Trabosh, DDS.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Reappoint David Dean to Recreation Commission

Council member Jones moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Dean, and carried to reappoint David Dean to the Recreation Commission.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Reappoint Jon Sipe to Recreation Commission

Council member Jones moved, seconded by Council member Armbruster, and carried to reappoint Jon Sipe to the Recreation Commission.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Approve Subdivision of Dan and Alesia Talbot Park Avenue Property

Council member Isom stated that the Planning Commission met on May 3, 2016 and voted to recommend the subdivision on Park Avenue.

Council member Isom moved, seconded by Council member Armbruster, and carried approve the subdivision of property including a lot line revision as shown on a plat by Newman Surveying dated April 20, 2016 and received by Council at the work session.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 roll call) Motion carried

Motion to Adjust Fuel Factor

Council member Isom moved, seconded by Council member Armbruster, and carried to accept the new fuel adjustment factor to $0.00225 per kilowatt hour effective with the billing month of April 2016.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Approve Construction of New Building at Stonewall Memorial Park

Council member Jones moved, seconded by Council member Comer, and carried that Little League construct a building on the softball field to include a press box and concession stand at their cost and maintenance.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 roll call) Motion carried

Newtown, Mt. Pleasant Road and North Eastside Highway Sewer Line Connection Fees

Mayor Printz opened discussions regarding the connection fees for installation of a new sewer line to annexed residents on Newtown Rd., Mt. Pleasant Road., and North Eastside Highway. He noted that a survey went out to approximately thirty-five residents. He noted that replies were received with some emphasizing that a connection depended upon the rate.

A brief discussion took place regarding fees, past letter mailed involving old connection rates ($3,000) and financing availability.

Vice Mayor Dean stated that letters had been mailed to residents in the past. He noted that the letters made stipulations regarding connections. He noted that once the project was completed, residents were given a time-frame to connect at the old rate.

Council member Armbruster was of the opinion that the written document stated the rate to be charged for connections. Council member Isom responded that the Code and the Town Attorney's response contradicted one another regarding connection costs.

Town Attorney Miller stated that there was a provision in the Annexation Agreement that extended services to those areas within five years which had not been done. He noted that connections would be at the current rate at the time they were taken in; so, that would not be the old rate. He noted that the cost of capital investment now was not the same as it was ten years ago when the Town was charging a $3,000 connection fee. It was determined more information was needed regarding the various issues.

Council member Isom moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Dean, and carried to send the rates for the new sewer line connection fee in the annexed areas of Town back to committee.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 roll call) Motion carried

Motion to Reimburse Town for Cemetery Maintenance

Council member Comer moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Dean, and carried to reimburse the Town from the Cemetery funds for maintenance up through June 30, 2015 in the amount of $137,189.

Council Member Comer stated that the Town maintenance fees to operate the Cemetery were subtracted from the Cemetery accounts. He noted that the Town was owed $137,189.

Mayor Printz explained that the Town paid maintenance fees to maintain the cemetery which was reimbursed by applying Cemetery funds. He noted that the Council and Cemetery Commission would schedule a meeting in an attempt to alleviate financial stress in the department.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 roll call) Motion carried

Memorial Tree Planting for Jerrick Hammer in Stonewall Memorial Park

Council member Isom moved, seconded by Council member Jones, and carried that Council approve the tree planting in Stonewall Memorial Park in remembrance of Jerrick Campbell.

Mayor Printz stated that Jerrick Hammer passed away. He noted that his family planted a beautiful dogwood tree in the Town's park. He noted that all citizens would have the opportunity to plant a tree as a memorial.

Council Member Armbruster stated he would like to see a specific area designated for the memorial trees and suggested a plan be created.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

COMMITTEES

Finance & Planning Commission (M. Isom)

Council member Isom reported on the Park Avenue property to be subdivided that was owned by Dan & Alesia Talbot which also required a lot line revision. She noted that a request for a boundary line adjustment in Downey Knolls Subdivision was tabled by the commission until next month's meeting. She, along with Mayor Printz and Treasurer Sipe were in the process of finalizing the budget.

Public Health, Safety, Ordinances & Personnel (H. Armbruster)

Council member Armbruster reported no additional business. He noted that the EACC Board met on May 4, 2016. He noted that Pat Shifflett resigned as president.

Council member Jones moved that Randell Snow be appointed as the president of the EACC Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Dean called for a point of order.

Mayor Printz stated that the matter was not on the agenda for a vote.

Amend Agenda

Council member Armbruster moved, seconded by Council member Gooden, and carried to include the appointment of the advisory president.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 roll call) Motion carried

Council member Armbruster moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Dean, and carried to appoint Randell Snow as the advisory board president until the board's next election.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 roll call) Motion carried

It was determined that the regular meeting date and time for the EACC Advisory Board would be the first Monday of every month at 7:15 p.m. which would follow the Recreation Commission meeting.

Electric, Recreation & Community Center (J. Jones)

Council member Jones reported no additional business.

Water & Sewer (J. Dean)

Vice Mayor Dean reported that the Town lost their licensed operator for the wastewater treatment plant; however, he had been replaced with another licensed operator. He noted that DEQ approved the matter. He noted that the operator would not be on-site as much.

Economic & Community Development (J. Gooden)

Council member Gooden reported that the East Rockingham Business Council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in the Elkton Area Community Center. He noted Dr. Pham Chopra would available to meet with the public.

Mayor Printz congratulated Council member Gooden on his recent graduation from Bridgewater College and wished him success in his future endeavors.

Streets and Sidewalks & Cemetery

Council member Comer reported that the Town's free clean-up was practically rained out. He noted that several residents had contacted him stating that they did not participate due to the inclement weather. It was determined that many residents sat their bulk items out in the rain and they were picked up by the Town. Treasurer Sipe stated that her department only received two complaints from residents out of four pages of locations that participated. Continued discussion took place regarding an additional day being added; however, Council decided not to take any action on the matter due to the low number of complaints.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No additional business.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

Mayor Printz shared a correspondence sent to VDOT requesting that the bridge be re-finished. He noted it was one of the main entryways into Town and presents a nice first impression. The project cost was $350,000.

Amend Agenda

Council member Isom moved, seconded by Council member Jones, and carried to amend the agenda to include the Treasurer's report.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Council member Armbruster moved, seconded by Council member Isom, and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2016 as presented.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Mayor Printz introduced Mark Pedersen as the new Director for Elkton Area Community Center. He asked Mark to relay information relative to upcoming events scheduled in the near future. Mr. Pedersen noted the following:

May 20, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - National Senior Health/Fitness Day to be held which would include lectures before noon, a light lunch provided by Rockingham County Seniors, with fun and games in the afternoon.

June 11, 2016 - Elkton Family Fun Night to be held with games and food available before the movie. The movie "Inside Out" would be shown.

No additional business was discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz

Recorder: _____
Denise R. Monger, Clerk