REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 1972

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held September 8, 1972 in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Edward F. Garber presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Charles W. Hammer, Chief of Police, Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk and Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent were also present.

The Rev. James B. Martin opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Garber welcomed Mr. R. R. Dean, newly elected councilman.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting August 14, 1972.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting August 28, 1972.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of August.

The Rev. James Martin expressed his appreciation and thanks for the work the council had done the past year.

Miss Lambert and Miss Martin, students of Elkton High School, ask permission to have a Homecoming Parade Thursday, September 14th. Mayor Garber explained that the State had set new regulations that must be followed. Chief Hammer was asked to check with the Highway Department to get permission and to inform the students of the required regulations they will have to follow.

Mr. Robert Lough presented a petition signed by citizens and merchants on behalf of Mr. Liskey. Mr. Lough stated that Mr. Liskey's good record and performance of duties in the years he had been with the town should be considered and that he would very much like to see him retained as Town Superintendent. Mr. Lough also commended the council for the good job they have done.

Mayor Garber gave his annual report on the problems and accomplishments during the past year and listed some of the major concerns facing the council in the coming years. Some of the things mentioned were:

1. The ecology problems - sewer- air pollution.
   The money from the government for Secondary Treatment will not be available until about 1976.

2. Burning at the dump.
   Permit for limited scale buring expired September 1st. and it will be necessary to go before the Board to get an extension for any long period of time. All dumps must be closed by July 1, 1973.

3. Garbage disposal.
   The town has filed the required 20 year plan, the first five of which had to be in complete detail. As the dumps must be closed by July 1, 1973 the details of merging with the county must be completed before this date.

4. Cleaner water.
   The Spring and Reservoir have been covered but the filtering system was not installed due to the excessive cost. A study will need to be made into the suggestion by the engineers to drill a new well at another location.

5. Annexation.
   A committee was appointed to study annexation and they suggested having qualified engineers to make a complete study and suggestions as to what steps should be taken in this direction.

6. Town ordinances.
   Plans are in process to bring the town ordinances up to date.

7. Business license.
   Finance Committee has been asked to review these licenses and suggest changes where needed.

8. Audit report.
   If audit indicates that the town has a deficit, there should be a further study on the budget for the coming year.

9. Garbage collection.
   As this department has been short in years previous, it will be necessary to look into the cost of operating this department due to extra expenses which will be incurred when we go in with the county land fill program.

The following committees were suggested by Mayor Garber:

1. PUBLIC SAFETY
   William H. McGahey, Chairman
   Roy E. Davis
   Randall R. Dean

2. FINANCE
   Alan R. Thompson, Chairman
   Randall R. Dean
   Harold A. Workman

3. STREETS & SIDEWALKS
   Randall R. Dean, Chairman
   Alan R. Thompson
   Harold A. Workman

4. ORDINANCE, PUBLIC HEALTH & RECREATION
   Harold A. Leet, Chairman
   Roy E. Davis
   Alan R. Thompson

5. WATER & SEWER
   Roy E. Davis, Chairman
   William H. McGahey
   Harold A. Leet

6. ELECTRIC
   Harold A. Workman, Chairman
   Harold A. Leet
   William H. McGahey

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the committees recommended by the Mayor.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to appoint Mr. H. A. Workman as president pro tempore of the council.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to leave the councilman's salary at $20.00 a month.

Mr. H. A. Workman took charge of the meeting for the purpose of presiding during the action taken on the Mayor's salary.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to leave the Mayor's salary at $50.00 a month.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to appoint Mr. Beverly B. Bowers as Trial Justice at a fee of $150.00 a month.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to appoint Mr. John A. Paul and Mr. James R. Sipe to act as Assistant Trial Justice.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to appoint Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman Jr. as Town Attorney at an annual fee of $400.00.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to appoint Mr. R. K. Babington as Warrant Justice.

Mayor Garber appointed a Finance Advisory Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the council. This committee will chose its own chairman.

1. Norman Fitzwater
2. Richard T. Brown
3. Edward O. Karow
4. Robert Lough
5. Beverly Wolfe

Mr. H. A. Leet reported that Robert Duff and Lawrence Gentry had resigned from the Elkton Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to appoint Mr. Gerald Monger and Mr. Raymond Mowbray to serve on the Elkton Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Liskey reported that the two "Welcome to Elkton" signs are in bad need of repair. He had received a price from Hensley's Sign Service of $140.00 a sign to repair and repaint them.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to have Hensley's Sign Service repair and repaint the two signs at a total cost of $280.00.

Mr. Robert Lough offered some of his land on Route 33 to erect another "Welcome to Elkton" sign. This was turned over to the Street Committee.

Mr. Liskey reported that the repairs to the bridge on Fifth Street has been completed.

Mr. H. A. Workman reported on a letter received from Mr. A. W. Wood, Acting Executive Secretary of the Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia in which he reported on recent developments which indicate that VEPCO definitely plans to file for a wholesale rate increase to the Co-ops and municipalities in the very near future. Last week VEPCO told a meeting of the Co-ops that they (acting on a recommendation by the Attorney General at a recent hearing before the SCC), were planning to file for a wholesale rate increase with the FPC in an amount sufficient to raise their rate of return to 8.5%. In the case of the Co-ops this will amount to a 51% increase. In view of this pending development, the Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia is scheduling a meeting of officials from the seven municipalities served by VEPCO at 11:00 a.m. on September 19, 1972 in the Virginia Municipal League offices, Richmond, Virginia and urgently requests the mayor, councilmen, manager and attorney to attend this meeting.

Mr. Workman also reported that the annual fall meeting of the Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia will be held in Charlottesville, October 19, 1972.

Mr. McGahey reported that the deed to the land at the pumping station had been signed and turned the deed over to the clerk.

Mayor Garber had a copy of one of the first agreements drawn up in regards to the pumping station with the Jr. Order and Mr. G. W. Berry had asked to have this agreement signed by the Town as it had some agreements in it which are not included in the deed. This was turned over to the clerk to check with Mr. Hillsman and Mr. Davis.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to hire Donald Lee Denman as a patrolman at a salary of $5,200.00 a year and a three month probation period. Raises will be left to the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

The Treasurer was authorized to order 900 Town Tags for 1973 from Plastic Services & Supply Company.

A report on the latest proposals in regards to the County Land Fill Operation was given. Each town would share the expenses of operations and also share in the cost of setting aside funds to replace the equipment. Tnis would cost the town approximately $1575.00 a year as estimated at this time.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to join the county land fill operation on the share basis as purposed if all the other towns go along with this.

Mr. McGahey reported that he had contacted Warren Brown in regards to whether there could be a problem of interference caused by cable television. Mr. Brown will give the town a letter stating the laws and his opinion regarding this for $150.00. This matter was tabled.

A report was given on a letter received from the Board of Supervisor's which states that the rates for jail boarders have been increased from $1.80 to $2.10 per prisoner per day.

Mayor Garber reported on a letter received from the United States Department of the Interior in regards to garbage in the National Park. They are interested in discussing with the town the possibility of some agreement in regards to using the same disposal facilities. The council felt this would be a matter to come before the Board of Supervisors rather than the town.

Mayor Garber read a letter from M. S. Williams, Reg. Director, State Air Pollution Control Board acknowledging the receipt of Mayor Garber's letter requesting an extension of the variance granted the Town of Elkton to permit disposal of a limited amount of solid waste by open burning at the site of the Town Dump. Mr. Williams stated that he had forwarded the request to William R. Meyer, Executive Director, State Air Pollution Control Board for appropriate action.

A letter from Mr. John B. Boatwright, Jr., Director, Division of Statutory Research and Drafting was read. The letter calls to the town's attention that the General Assembly convenes in January 1973 and the deadline for filing charter bills and so-called government bills has been reduced from the first ten days to the first seven days of the Session. If any locality has charter bills or other bills for special forms of government, they are urged to arrange to have them drawn and approved locally forthwith. When so approved they should then be prefiled. Bills which are prefiled are referred to committees and, under the new Constitution, standing committees may begin consideration of such measures immediately upon receipt of printed copy from the Clerks of the Houses. The Commission hopes that if a locality desires to amend several sections of its charter or form of government that they all be incorporated in one bill. This letter was referred to the Town Attorney.

As there was no further business, Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to adjourn.

MAYOR: Edward F. Garber
Edward F. Garber, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk