REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
May 8, 1972

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held May 8, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Edward F. Garber presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. R. E. Davis, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Charles Knott, Chief of Police, Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk and Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent were also present.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting April 10, 1972 with the following correction: next to the last paragraph on Page 1, R.C.A. changed to Motorola.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Finance Report.

Mr. Gerald Monger came before the council to obtain permission to place portable rest rooms down next to the Little League Field during the ball season and also in the upper field during the Fireman's Carnival as the Jr. Order is having trouble with their septic system.

The council gave permission for the portable rest rooms to be placed in the Jr. Order Park, as requested.

Mr. Berkeley Brooks offered congratulations to the newly elected councilmen and mayor and suggested that the mayor consider when appointing his new committees that two councilmen and one private citizen be placed on each committee giving the councilmen more time for their other duties and this will also bring more ideas.

Mr. Lurty Taylor came before the council in regards to the trash blowing in his yard. He stated that he had been to the council over a year ago to ask their assistance in correcting this situation but as nothing had been done he had found it necessary to swear out a warrant against those responsible. He stated that he did not want to have to do this again and would like the council to get behind this problem and see that it is corrected. This matter was turned over to Mr. Leet and his committee.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the Second Reading to amend Section 15-45 to read as follows:

Section 15-45 Agents and Solicitors generally.

Each person who, for compensation, solicits or offers for sale or acts as agent or solicitor, in making such sales, or acts as such agent or solicitor, in any business not otherwise herein classified and licensed, shall pay a license tax of $15.00 for the privilege of conducting such business or acting as such agent or solicitor in the town. If such person is not a resident of the town the license tax shall be $50.00.

If no compensation is to be received by such person no license shall be required. However, such person shall contact the Police Department for varification of proper credentials or authorization for such solicitation. (G. O. 1961, 12-6.)

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to approve the Second Reading to amend Section 15-58 to read as follows:

Section 15-58 Boardinghouses and rooming houses.

The license tax for keeping a boardinghouse or rooming house shall be as follows: For from three to five boarders or roomers, $25.00; for any over five boarders or roomers, $5.00 each. The license tax shall be computed upon the average number of boarders entertained daily throughout the year.

To obtain and hold a license in the town, boarding houses and rooming houses must adhere to all state requirements in regard to fire prevention, safety and health laws.

For the purpose of this section, "Boardinghouses and rooming houses" shall include convalesent homes, rest homes and homes for the aged. (G. O. 1961, 12-16.)

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson to approve the Second Reading to amend Section 32-9 to read as follows:

Section 32-9 Town electric and sewer service prerequisite to water connection outside town.

Water connections may be made to premises located outside the town if requested and if approved by council. Sewer or electric service from the town are not a prerequisite for water connection. The town shall run the water service lines to the applicant's property line at the applicant's expense and the applicant shall pay all maintenance costs on this section of line.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis -	yea	McGahey -	yea
Karow -	nay	Thompson -	yea
Leet -	yea	Workman -	yea

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the Second Reading to amend Section 32-23 to read as follows:

Section 32-23 Sewer service outside the town.

The town may furnish sewer service outside the town limits if requested and approved by council.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis -	yea	McGahey -	yea
Karow -	nay	Thompson -	yea
Leet -	yea	Workman -	yea

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to approve the Second Reading to amend Section 10-1 to read as follows to comply with State Law:

Section 10-1 General penalty; continuing offenses. 2

Whenever in this Code or in any other ordinance of the town any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, where no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of any such provision of such Code or any other ordinance of the town shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve month's or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Except where otherwise provided, every day any violation of such Code or any other ordinance of the town shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Mr. H. A. Leet reported that those working on the proposed parks for Rockingham County which included the one for Memorial Park had been misled in regards to available funds and that we would not qualify for the 75% grant. Mr. Leet stated that he did not feel the community could raise the kind of money which would be needed to build this park without a full 75% grant.

Mr. Leet reported that this was the annual Clean-Up Week. Many things have already been done and Saturday would climax the events with groups meeting at the Municipal Building to make their clean up rounds of the community. Mr. Liskey was asked to have trash trucks available.

Mr. R. E. Davis reported that Mr. Liskey has received bids on the street work and that his committee would meet and go over the proposed work.

Mr. A. R. Thompson reported that he had received an estimate from Dean Lumber Company to repair the roof at the jail at a total cost of $1906.40.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow to approve the First Reading to have Dean Lumber Company repair the roof at the jail at a total cost of $1906.40.

Mr. A. R. Thompson reported that the lease on the calculator and adding machine was up and the town has the option to purchase the machines or they can lease these same machines again or lease new ones. This matter was turned over to the Finance Committee.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to transfer the $2000.00 set up in the budget for Recreation to the Elkton Recreation Commission.

Mr. D. C. Liskey reported that Martin, Clifford and Associates will have the bid opening on May 19th. for the filtration system.

Mr. Liskey reported that he is having trouble keeping a 1½ inch water meter at Superior Concrete. He was given permission to talk with Mr. Shank about an agreement in regards to figuring the water load and selling it to Superior Concrete on a straight basis rather than metering it and to report back to the council.

Mr. Liskey stated he felt the town should consider setting a fee for connecting and disconnecting electric in addition to the required deposit.

Mr. Liskey reported that the Seven Up Bottling Company has requested a 2 inch water connection. They now have a 1½ inch. This would be installed at their expense for time and the difference between the 1½ inch meter and 2 inch meter.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to put in the 2 inch water connection for the Seven Up Bottling Company.

A letter from the Norfork and Western Railroad in regards to an agreement on the property in front of the Frazier's Hotel was turned over to Mr. Hillsman to check into.

Mr. E. O. Karow reported that the following had contacted Chief Knott for clearance to operate taxi's in the Town of Elkton.

Robert Lee Crawford	1
Harold Comer	1
Jessie Maynard Shifflett, Driver for Ray Morris	1
John Robert Berry	1

The council agreed to approve Mr. Crawford, Mr. Comer and Mr. Berry as they have bought Corporation License to operate the taxi's but to table Mr. Shifflett's request until Mr. Morris has purchased license.

Mr. Karow reported that the new Walkie Talkie has been received and that two officers are attending the Shenandoah Valley Training School for Photography.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the following Elkton Volunteer Fire Company elected officers for 1972:

Board of Directors

Gerald Monger
Wayne Davis
Sonny Dean
William McGahey
Jack Davis

Elected Officers (Business)

Gerald Monger - President
Henry Leap - Vice President
Jack Davis - Treasurer
Herman Burkett - Secretary

Wayne Davis - Fire Chief
Bert Fidler - Assistant Chief
Donnie Davis - Captain
Ernest Berry - First Lt.
Ray Monger - Second Lt.
Victor Bennington - Sargent at Arms
Phillip Monger - Chief Hoseman
Jimmy Meadows - Chief Plugman
Hensel Dean - Chief Driver
Mose Williams - Assistant Driver
Rev. Charles Kindred - Chaplin

Mr. H. A. Workman reported that everything in the electric department is running smoothly but that due to the VEPCO increase which has already been put into effect and the new proposed increase from VEPCO which the town is facing, he feels it is necessary to increase the electric rates and plans to have a meeting of the Electric Committee to make recommendations for a rate increase which would be effective on the July billing.

Mr. Workman reported on the State Safety Convention which he attended last week, and also that he had written three companies in regards to a T.V. Franchise. He had not received answers from all of these but plans to ask them to meet with the council at the June Meeting.

Mayor Garber reported on a letter received informing the Town of the amendment made to Section 40.1-30 of the Code of Virginia, a copy of which is on file in the Treasurer's Office.

Mayor Garber reported that a copy of the Prelimary Application for Federal Grant For Sewage Treatment Works Under Federal Water Pollution Control Act for the Town would be on file in the Treasurer's Office.

Mayor Garber reported that the County League will meet May 10th. at Bridgewater.

Mayor Garber and Mr. McGahey reported on the Public Forum Program that they attended at Madison College.

As there was no further business, Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to adjourn.

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

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