SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
AND
PUBLIC HEARING
August 16, 1973

A public hearing was held August 16, 1973 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. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Charles Hammer, Chief of Police, Mr. William T. Herring, Acting Superintendent, and Mrs. Betty Engle, Acting Clerk were also present.

Mayor Garber opened the meeting with prayer.

The following citizens were present: Mr. and Mrs. Berkely Brooks, Mr. Joe Reid. Others present were Mr. Joe Gamlin of the Daily News Record, Mrs. Betty Hammer and Officer William Traylor.

Mr. A. R. Thompson read and explained the purposed budget. He pointed out that the budget as presented was for ten months and shows a deficit of $35,861.00.

Mr. R. E. Davis pointed out that Taxes and Licenses would not be on a ten month period so this would increase the revenue. He suggested that the budget be gone over item by item and each department be cut as much as possible.

Mrs. Brooks suggested Business License be increased. Mr. Brooks wanted to know why the property tax rate was not increased and a garbage collection fee imposed in order to raise the needed revenue.

It was pointed out that in Public Safety the Warrant Justice fee could be reduced approximately $1000.00 and the amount budgeted for Blood Tests could be dropped entirely.

After a lengthly discussion, the budget was deferred.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried unanamiously to pass a resolution appointing R. K. Babington as Justice of the Peace, Town of Elkton, Va. to be compensated at the usual and prevailing fees paid to the Justice of the Peace in Rockingham County of Virginia.

Mr. R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried unanamiously to approve the First Reading to amend Section 26-16 to include a Garbage Collection Fee and read as follows:

Sec. 26-16 Schedule for the collection of and charges for hauling garbage, etc.

The schedule for collection of garbage, trash, refuse and other similar matter shall be as follows:

(a) Commercial or business areas: On Monday and Thursday of each week.

(b) Residential area: On Friday of each week.

(c) Starting September 1, 1973 the following charge per month will be assessed for the collection and hauling of garbage, trash, etc.

Residences

A charge of $1.50 per month will be assessed each household.

Businesses

The businesses will be divided into two (2) categories and charged as follows:

$5.00 small business generally requiring no more than 5 minutes per pick up.

$15.00 large business generally requiring more than 5 minutes per pick up.

(d) Trash requiring special handling primarily because of regulations at the land fill are as follows: (1) Concrete

chunks, large rocks, old stoves, furnances, metal pipe, etc; (2) Tree limbs and trunks over 3 inches in diameter but not to exceed 8 feet in length; (3) Stumps; (4) Other large and heavy solid objects. A charge of 25¢ for automobile tires and 50¢ for truck tires will be made. These items will be picked up normally on the third Wednesday of month upon notification by individuals to the town office.

(e) Items not allowed by the land fill will not be picked up. Some of these items are as follows: Hazardous materials such as poisons, acids, explosives, etc; dead animals or parts there of; tree trimmings over 3 inches in diameter and more than 8 feet long.

There will be a Special Meeting Tuesday, August 21, 1973 to have the First Reading on the budget.

There will be a Special Meeting Friday, August 24, 1973 to have the Second Reading on the budget.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

RECORDER: Betty H. Engle
Betty H. Engle, Acting Clerk