REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 1973

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 11, 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 and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. A. R. Thompson was absent. Mr. Homer Ageon and Mr. William Herring, Acting Superintendents, Mr. Charles Hammer, Chief of Police, Mr. Marvin Hillsman, Town Attorney and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

Mr. R. R. Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting May 14, 1973.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of May.

Mrs. Berkley Brooks was present in regards to the letter she and her husband had written to the council May 7, 1973 about the problem of the residents at 114 Clark Avenue leaving their garbage cans on the street at all times. Mrs. Brooks felt the council had neglected to take any action on her complaint and wanted something done about it. Mayor Garber assured Mrs. Brooks that the council would take care of this problem and would have Chief Hammer inform those in violation of the ordinance prohibiting the containers remaining on the streets at all times to remove them.

Mayor Garber explained that no action could be taken on Second Readings due to the absence of Mr. Thompson.

A memo from the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors listing the portions of capital outlay expenditures on the landfill to be assumed by each town was presented. Elkton's portion is $3,480.00.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to approve the First Reading to pay the $3,480.00 which is our share of the capital outlay expenditures on the county landfill.

The first billing for Elkton's share of the operational cost at the County Landfill from December 1, 1972 thru May 31, 1973 in the amount of $820.75 was presented.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the First Reading to pay the $820.75 which is our share of the Operational Cost of the County Landfill from December 1, 1972 thru May 31, 1973.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to recommend Mr. Calvin Jackson Davis be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the vacancy left by Mr. S. P. H. Flick who would not consider reappointment.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to table the proposed ordinance change to Sec. 26-16 for further study.

Mr. McGahey presented a request on behalf of the Elkton Volunteer Fire Co. for the Mayor and Councilmen to take part in the Fireman's Parade on Thursday evening.

Mr. McGahey reported that Joseph T. Neylon had resigned as a patrolman in the Police Department.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to hire Thomas Roland Phibbs at an annual salary of $6400.00 on a ninety day probation period.

Mr. W. H. McGahey stated that he felt the council should go for a Town Manager type government and for a Town Manager. Mr. Davis supported Mr. McGahey's feelings that the town needs a Town Manager. He also stated he felt Mr. Ageon and Mr. Herring had been doing a good job and should be compensated for their extra work the past six months.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried that the council accept applications for a Town Manager pending investigation into the legality of hiring a town manager.

Mr. Workman reported that he had met with a VEPCO representative this week and discussed the rate schedule. VEPCO will send the town a schedule of their meter reading dates and will notify the town the next time the towns meter is read so that Mr. Ageon and Mr. Workman can be present.

Mr. Workman reported that there will be a F.P.C. hearing June 26, 1973 in regards to VEPCO.

Mr. Ageon reported that he and Mr. Herring would like to raise Stephen Hensley's salary $.15 an hour after his ninety day probation period is over. It was reported that William Floyd Shifflett had been hired to replace Mr. Zean Shifflett who retired. Mr. William Shifflett had been employed at $2.10 an hour and Mr. Herring and Mr. Ageon would also like to increase him $.15 an hour after his ninety day probation period is over.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to raise Mr. Stephen Hensley and Mr. William Floyd Shifflett $.15 an hour after their ninety day probation periods are over.

Mr. William Herring reported that Elkton Paving Co. had been unable to get the black topping as yet but will get to it as soon as possible.

Mr. Herring and Mr. Workman both reported on the Flood Control Projects. The Fourth Street Project has been inspected and the town should soon be receiving the money on this. Some of the other projects are not completed and it appears we will be able to include the Spring job. The inspectors reported that the jobs done by the town were some of the best they had inspected so far. They also said the town should clean out the creek channels between the bridge on Route 340 and the one on Old Route 33.

Mr. Herring reported that Mr. Schumacher had contacted him in regards to having the cement box like areas in front of his place of business on Spotswood Avenue removed and would like to have the town's help. This was turned over to the Street Committee.

Mayor Garber reported on a publis hearing which will be held June 18, 1973 at 11:00 A.M. in House Room 4, State Capitol, Richmond on the Environmental Coordination Act of 1973.

Mayor Garber reported that the State Water Control Board will allow interested citizens to appear at its meeting on June 18, 1973, at 2:30 P.M., at the Board's Meeting Room, 4010 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia to state briefly their position regarding construction of the proposed Verona Dam.

Mayor Garber reported that the Annual Institute for Municipal Mayors, Councilmen and Administrators will be held at the Local Government Officials Conference this year on August 27, 28 and 29 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Mayor Garber reported that the Virginia Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration is having its annual award dinner on June 14, 1973, at 5:00 P.M. at the Aerodrome Holiday Inn near Byrd Airport in Richmond.

Mayor Garber reported that a calender of hearings and meetings of State Agencies, Commissions and Committees is on file in the Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Herring reported that he had published notices on mowing of vacant lots and wanted to know what was to be done next. Mr. Hillsman told Mr. Herring it would be necessary for him to notify the lot owners who have not mowed their lot to do so and if they don't comply turn them over to the Police Department.

Mr. Herring reported that members of the Shenandoah Valley Planning Commission had surveyed our water and sewer facilities.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

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

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