REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 1974

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held July 8, 1974 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor H. Ditman Flory presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. C. E. Dean, Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. R. J. Lough and Mr. W. P. Suiter. Mr. W. H. McGahey was absent. Mr. William Ayers, Town Manager, Mr. Homer Ageon and Mr. William Herring, Acting Superintendents, Mr. Charles Hammer, Chief of Police, Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Town Attorney and Mrs. Betty H. Engle, Assistant 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 unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting June 10, 1974.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting July 1, 1974.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried unanimously to approve the June Finance Report.

Rev. Madren came before the council in regards to the refuse collection on homes that have electric service but people are not living in them. No action was taken at this meeting, but the Ordinance Committee will give consideration to this problem and report back.

Mr. Ayers asked that the Water and Sewer Committee make arrangements to meet with Gary Nickerson to discuss the water situation and how it will affect annexation.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the First Reading to purchase the NCR Computer at a cost of $8,000.00 payable upon receipt of the Revenue Sharing Allotment. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea
H. Leet	- yea		

Mr. Ward Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean to approve the First Reading to pay the Carolina Transformer Co. $810.00 for the 100 KVA transformer which had to be rebuilt. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea
H. Leet	- yea		

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried unanimously to purchase the Canon Calculator without a service contract at a cost of $437.00.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried unanimously to purchase 12 new Neptune Water Meters at a cost of $480.00 for use now and also to have some in stock.

Mr. Ayers asked if council would be interested in a tape, mikes and speakers for the Council Chambers. Mayor Flory and Mr. Lough thought they would be very good, but would prefer waiting to see how the finances work out.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to authorize Mr. Ayers to get more information on the flood program and present to council.

Mr. W. P. Suiter asked if Mr. Gary Greene of Harrisonburg Electric Commission has the new electric rates ready. Mr. Ayers stated he had been informed they would be ready in the next two weeks.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve the Finance Committee's unanimous recommendation to council on salary increases as follows: 8% increase to employees with one year or more service as of June 30, 1974. 4% to employees with six months service and after reaching one years service they will receive an additional 4%. These increases are to be retroactive back to the nearest pay period to June 30, 1974. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea
H. Leet	- yea		

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried unanimously to increase the deposit each month to the Sanitary Sewer System Sinking Fund from $150.00 to $425.00 effective immediately to cover notes and interest coming due this year.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to transfer $15,000.00 from the Elkton Electric System Fund to purchase a Certificate of Deposit on this fund to be drawing interest.

Mr. C. E. Dean asked Mr. Wiles if he had defined the word household in regards to the Refuse Collection Ordinance. Mr. Wiles stated that it could be defined either as some one living in or as a house itself. Mr. C. Dean and his committee will go over the Refuse Ordinance throughly and make recommendations and consult the attorney, Mr. Wiles.

Mr. C. E. Dean reported that there was no money available for the type recreation the town has in mind, or enough land available. Mayor Flory asked Mr. Dean to check all possibilities as this is very worthwhile. Mr. Ayers suggested that the Recreation Committee meet with the County Recreation Department.

Mr. Suiter, speaking on behalf of Mr. W. H. McGahey on the hiring of Mr. Eugene Rothlauf as a police officer for the Town of Elkton, was told by Mr. R. J. Lough that he felt Mr. Ayers and Mayor Flory should review Mr. Rothlauf's application for employment before hiring him. Since this was not on the agenda, Mayor Flory rehired Mr. Rothlauf for a period of ten days.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to approve the Second Reading to purchase the pipe and supplies necessary for the Lee Avenue Project at an approximate cost of $3,000.00. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- abstain	W. Suiter	- yea
H. Leet	- yea		

Mr. Leet asked about the water meter to be used at the spring at a cost of less than $600.00. Mr. Wiles saw no reason why the town could not put in the meter. The council decided they would speak with Miss Kite about the meter and the town's intentions before taking any action.

Mr. William Herring asked council to consider raising Mr. Lawrence Shifflett's base pay from $2.25 to $2.35 since he was promised this when he was hired after a 90 day period.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried unanimously to raise Mr. Lawrence Shifflett's base pay from $2.25 to $2.35 retroactive to May 11, 1974 and after he has been employed for a period of six months get a 4% increase based on $2.35 an hour.

Mayor Flory read a thank you card from the Henry Thomas family acknowledging the flowers sent by the town at the death of his father.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried unanimously to approve the appointing of R. Bruce Wiles as Town Attorney.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried unanimously to approve Mrs. Norma R. Leap as Clerk of Council at $10.00 a meeting.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. R. J. Lough to be responsible for the Revenue Sharing Program.

Mayor Flory appointed the following Annexation Committee:

Harold A. Leet, Chairman
Ward P. Suiter, Vice Chairman
Charles E. Dean

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: H. Ditman Flory Mayor
H. Ditman Flory, Mayor

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