REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 1974

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, August 12, 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, Mr. W. H. McGahey and Mr. W. P. Suiter. Mr. William Ayers, Town Manager, Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Town Attorney, Mr. Homer Ageon, Co-Superintendent and Mrs. Betty H. Engle, Assistant Clerk were also present.

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

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 7, 1974 after correcting page 2, paragraph 2 to read as follows:

> Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried unanimously that the contract with the Rockingham County School Board be signed with the numerical rate of .0125 being deleted and the words current rate used.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 1974.

Rev. S. E. Madren was present to ask council if they had made any decision on the refuse collection. This was deferred to later in the meeting.

Mr. Lurty Taylor, Mr. Lewis Jolly and Mr. M. L. Monger were present in regards to the British Woods Corporation. Mr. Lewis Jolly, spokesman for the group, deferred any comments until after reports from Mr. Ayers and Mr. Nickerson.

Mr. Ayers introduced Mr. Tom Lewis, Representative from Enviromental Systems Service of Culpepper. The group was shown slides of a Package Type Pre-Fab Sewage Disposal Plant. This unit had a 300,000 gallon a day capacity. The estimated cost of this unit completely installed was $668,000.00.

Mr. Gary Nickerson, representing Arthur Beard Engineers, gave a possible location for the new Sewage Plant. He explained that this could be delivered in approximately 16 weeks if passed by The Enviromental Protection Agency. This plan would include Primary and Secondary Sewage System. This unit is flexable and could be expanded to take increased flow.

Mr. Lewis Jolly asked the council if they could not find a way to meet the sewer problems they are facing. He stated that due to the high rate of interest they are paying they will need a firm committment soon, or sell the land in 5 acre parcels, which would stop the growth of the town to the north. He further stated that if this sub-division developed it would double the size of Elkton. Also that British Woods Corporation would not open more land than was approved by the State at one time, and would cooperate with the town in every way possible.

Mayor Flory told the group the town was very much interested and concerned, and he and the council would meet and see what alternatives they could present to the state. Then meet with British Woods Corporation and see what both groups could come up with.

Mr. Ward Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the Second Reading to pay the Carolina Transformer Co. $810.00 for the 100KVA Transformer which had to be rebuilt. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Ward Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the First Reading to purchase 13 demand meters and 13 glass covers from G. E. Supply Co., and 4 Westinghouse demand meters. The cost of these meters and covers $1,040.00. These are necessary to up-date our electric rates. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Ayers stated he had been informed by Mr. Gary Green of the Harrisonburg Electric Commission that the new electric rates will not be completed until September 1, 1974.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the Second Reading to purchase the N.C.R. 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. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the First Reading to purchase a Water Meter to install at the spring at a cost of $543.00. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of 2 Air Conditioners at a cost of $315.00 from the Western Auto Store, which submitted the low bid.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried unanimously to purchase one 55 gallon container of weed killer from Mark Manufacturing Company on their low bid of $214.50. The following bids were received:

Del Chemical	$451.00
Mark Manufacturing Co.	214.50
Share Corp.	382.25
Oxford	332.75

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the First Reading to adopt and continue to carry a Liability Insurance Policy covering the Elkton Police, Mayor and Councilmen at a cost of $635.00 per year. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. W. P. Suiter was authorized by the council to purchase Fire and Lighting Insurance at a cost of $50.00 a year on the Sub Station.

The council acknowledged sending flowers and well wishes to Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Town Treasurer who has been ill.

Mr. W. H. McGahey had nothing to report on Public Safety.

Mr. Wiles stated the meaning of the word household does not pertain to vacant house or apartment. After a very lengthly discussion the Ordinance Committee was again asked to go over the Refuse Collection throughly and come back with recommendations. Mr. C. E. Dean withdrew the resolution they had submitted.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve the First Reading to purchase 140' of 42" in diameter galvanized pipe for the Lee Avenue Project from Armco Metal Products Co. at a cost of $2,745.96. Mr. Ayers was asked to get in touch with this company since this price was firm until August 15, 1974 and the order would not reach them until after this date. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to purchase 100' of 4" straight back curb forms and 100' of 6" partially battered face curb forms at a cost of $493.00.

Mr. R. R. Dean presented a price of $1,343.00 for a snow plow. The council asked Mr. Ayers if he would get bids from other companies before they took action on purchasing one.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to approve the Second Reading of approximately $828.00 for Smoke Test Equipment. (Smoke Machine $288.00, smoke bombs $180.00 and extra labor $360.00.) The motion carried.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to approve the Second Reading to purchase flow meters and install them at the sewage plant at an approximate cost of $1,867.00. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried unanimously to go back into Regular Session.

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously that Mr. W. H. McGahey be appointed President Pro-tempore.

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