REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 1976

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, August 9, 1976 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. C. E. Dean, Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. D. Flory, Mr. B. B. Holt, Mr. H. W. Leap and Mr. R. J. Lough. Mr. Charles Hammer, Chief of Police, Mrs. Norma Leap, Clerk, Mr. Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Mr. Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

Mayor Lough opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the regular meeting July 12, 1976 and the special meetings July 27th. and 30th. were approved as presented.

Mr. Alan Thompson came before council regarding the ordinance concerning the mowing of vacant lots. He pointed out that there are several lots in town that are not being mowed. He ask the council if something couldn't be done. The matter was referred to Mr. Monger.

Mr. R. J. Lough reported there would be no Finance Report due to the audit.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. D. Flory and carried to appropriate $125.00 for a float for the annual Field Day Parade.

Mayor Lough reported that the council is invited to ride in the Field Day Parade, Saturday, August 14, 1976 at 5:00 P.M.

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to approve the First Reading to amend Section 32-40 of the Town Code to read as follows:

Sec. 32-40. Reconnection of service after disconnection

(a) If the water service is disconnected on the application of a customer, a service connection charge of $5.00 shall be assessed for the reconnection of or turning on water service on the application of said customer, or on the application of a new customer.

(b) If the water service is disconnected for nonpayment of bills as stated in sections 32-42 and 32-43, the water service shall not be reconnected until after the person responsible for the payment of the bill has paid the same in full including penalties, and has paid, in addition to the bill, a reconnection charge of $5.00 for each meter.

The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Mr. C. E. Dean reported that he will have copies made of the proposed ordinance Mr. Wiles drafted providing for the removal and disposition of unattended, abandoned or immobile vehicles for each councilman to look over before the next meeting.

Mr. R. R. Dean reported that Mr. Wiles checked into the legality of the town putting in a sidewalk to the high school and money could not be spent for a project out of town.

Mayor Lough reported that estimates are being obtained on the sidewalk and a campaign is under way, with the help of the merchants, to raise money for this project.

Mr. Dean reported that the committees are still working on the brush grinding problem.

Mr. Flory reported that the Water and Sewer Committee met prior to the council meeting to consider water and sewer problems and recommendations to present to council.

Mr. H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. B. B. Holt and carried that as the Engineers, Arthur Beard Associates, have done a good job and made the necessary corrections to the Water Study, the council accept the plan as perse.

It was pointed out that accepting the study does not mean all the suggestions included in the plan.

Mr. R. J. Lough was asked to arrange for payment for the balance due on the water study.

Mr. Flory reported that his committee had reviewed the Water and Sewer Construction Standards and that these specifications are within the realization of being able to be instituted and enforced. He pointed out that rather than pass the standards as an ordinance which would be costly to place into the town code, Mr. Wiles has been ask to try to come up with some manner of adopting them that the Town Superintendent will be able to enforce.

Mr. Flory pointed out that council had approved a sewer connection for Raymond Gooden on Marshall Avenue. The original plan had been to connect him with a 4" line. If a 6" line was installed from Fourth Street up the alley between Marshall and Spring at an approximate cost of $1224.00 the other four or five lots in the area could be added to the line when they need sewer service. Mr. Flory's committee recommended a 6" line rather than a 4" line be installed.

Mr. H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean to approve the First Reading to appropriate $1224.00 to install a 6 inch sewer line from Fourth Street down the alley between Marshall and Spring. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- abstain
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Mr. Flory reported that they have filed for Public Works monies in several areas and that he and Mr. Monger will be going to Washington Thursday and Friday to see about other funds which may be available.

Mr. Flory reported that his committee will be coming up with suggestions in the future for plans and schedules regarding the Comprehensive Master Plans.

Mayor Lough ask Mr. Monger to pursue the complaint about the mowing of vacant lots according to the town code.

Mayor Lough presented a letter from Mr. Henry Leap of his resignation from the Elkton Planning Commission. Mr. Leap's resignation was accepted with regret.

Mayor Lough ask council to have suggestions for a new member to the Planning Commission by the next meeting.

Mr. Holt reported that he met with the Planning Commission and that they are studying the Comprehensive Plan, the Proposed Subdivision Ordinance and considering new by-laws. A special meeting has been set for August 23rd.

Mr. Holt reported that in checking into expenses for the Fire Company building, he has found there is no written agreement between the Fire Company and the Town. The 1967 minutes do state that the town has full and complete responsibility for the maintenance of the new Fire Hall Building, utilities and a designated amount of gasoline. The Public Safety Committee suggests that expenses for the maintenance of the Fire Hall should be approved. They suggested that the Fire Company should contact the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee when repairs are needed and he in turn would approve the expense with the Finance Chairman.

Mr. Holt stated that he felt the Purchasing Procedures should be reviewed as the Town was operating under a Town Manager when these were set up. Mr. Robert Lough felt the system was working fine. Mayor Lough suggested the procedures be looked into before the next meeting.

Mr. Holt reported that they have tried to contact the Elkton Milling Company regarding their request to install an overhead pipe to transport grain from one building to another but had not been able to do so. This will be considered a dead issue until the Elkton Milling Company raises the question again.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. H. D. Flory to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a police officer, assignment of police officers and disciplining of town employees. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Mr. H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. H. W. Leap and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. H. D. Flory to amend the Town of Elkton Personnel Program, page 2, No. 3 Regulatory Considerations, (a) Appointments, (1) Level I to delete "the Mayor and" from the first sentence. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean that Cleveland Franklin Babb be employed as a Police Officer under the customary probationary basis. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Mr. Holt reported that there has been some controversy over the signs on Terrace Avenue but that the matter will not be discussed tonight. The Police Committee will look into the matter.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved to adjourn.

MAYOR: Maurice W. Lough
Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

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