REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 1977

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held May 9, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following councilmen 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.

The Rev. Marshall Graham opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Donald Myers was present in regards to the new police car. The bid given by Myers Ford for a police car was for $4,725.00. If an air conditioner is added it will cost an additional $475.00. Mr. Myers stated that when Chief Hammer called about the bid on the car he did not request air conditioning. He also stated that Chief Hammer requested the color green but when checking the color chart the green was so flashy Mr. Myers changed the color to blue. Mr. Myers admitted he did not contact Chief Hammer regarding the change in color.

Mr. Holt ask Mr. Myers if it was standard procedure to change the color of a car without contacting the customer and he admitted it was not. Mr. Holt also questioned if air conditioning is not standard equipment in a police package. Mr. Myers indicated that it is not. Mr. Holt stated that he feels the town is under no obligation to accept this car as it is not the car that was ordered.

Mr. Robert Lough pointed out that the town had received three other bids which included air conditioning as standard equipment. The additional cost by Myers Ford for the air conditioner places them above Highway Motors' bid.

The council thanked Mr. Myers for coming to the meeting and told him this matter would be taken up under the proper committee.

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. Welby C. Showalter of Wharton, Aldhizer & Weaver, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Steven Sigafoose asking the town to officially close a portion of Fourth Street between "O" Street and the Chesapeake Railway right-of-way.

Mr. Holt pointed out that this matter would fall under the providence of the Planning Commission and suggested this be referred to them. The council was in agreement with this suggestion.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting April 11, 1977 and the special meeting April 29, 1977 as presented. As there were no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Mr. Holt reported that the traffic lights at the intersection of Spotswood Trail and Spotswood Avenue are not working properly. He suggested asking the State's permission to leave the lights on blinking for a trial period if the council has no objections. Mr. Monger reported he has already talked with the State about this. The council agreed to a trial period on the lights.

Mr. Monger reported that test drilling has been completed on the proposed site for the new sewage addition.

Mr. Leap reported that the fuel adjustment for May will be $.00771 per kwh.

Mr. Leap reported that he and Mr. Monger have attended several electric meetings in which rates and power sources were discussed. They also looked at bucket trucks.

Mr. Randal Dean reported that work is being done on the sidewalk on East Rockingham Street.

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to approve the Second Reading to amend Chapter 30 of the code of the Town of Elkton by adding the following section:

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF TRAILERS, MOBILE HOMES AND INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDING UNITS IN THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE HEALTH, SAFETY, MORALS, AND GENERAL WELFARE.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF

ELKTON, VIRGINIA, AS FOLLOWS:

No trailer, mobile home, or industrialized building unit which is used or which is intended to be used for other than living or sleeping quarters or purposes shall be placed, located, or kept on any property, private or public, or on the streets within the town, without the owner or operator thereof first obtaining a permit so to do from the town council.

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. Monger reported that he has an application for a building permit to build a church on Spring Avenue and Fifth Street. Council suggested that Mr. Monger notify the residents in the area before okaying the permit. If there are any objections from the citizens in the area, Mr. Monger was instructed to bring the matter back to council.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. W. Leap and carried to approve the First Reading to appropriate an additional $6,000.00 in the General Government department.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. B. B. Holt and carried to approve the First Reading to appropriate an additional $3,000.00 in the Public Safety department.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. W. Leap and carried to approve the First Reading to appropriate an additional $20,000.00 in the Electric department.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. B. B. Holt and carried to approve the Finance Report for April.

Mr. Flory reported that he has attended three meetings on the annexation study. The Daily News-Record has been printing accounts of the meetings, but if anyone has any questions, Mr. Flory stated he would be happy to meet with them and try to answer their questions.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. W. Leap and carried to appoint Mr. H. D. Flory to take Mr. H. W. Leap's place on the annexation study group due to conflicting circumstances.

It was reported that notice has been received from the U. S. Department of Justice that they have reviewed the annexation and they presented no objections under the Voting Right's Act.

Mayor Lough reported that Mr. Charles Dean's committee has agreed to work with Mr. Wiles on getting the town charter ready for printing.

Council agreed to calling a special meeting May 25, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. to have the First Reading on the budget and a Public Hearing on the Revenue Sharing Budget.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to go into Executive Session to obtain legal counsel on potential litigation. 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. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. B. B. Holt to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session. The motion carried.

The consensus of council was that they would stick with the statement that the police car from Myers Ford Company is not acceptable, but that council is willing to discuss the matter further with Myers Ford Company.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried that representatives of Myers Ford Company be contacted with the view in mind to negotiate an agreement satisfactory to the company and the town.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap, Clerk