REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
November 14, 1983

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held November 14, 1983 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: R. E. Davis, S. P. H. Flick, B. B. Holt, T. G. Hulings, H. A. Leet and R. L. Snow. Norma Leap, Clerk, Jeffrey Nadeau, Chief of Police, Gerald Monger, Superintendent, and Dale Davenport, Attorney were also present.

Mrs. Alice Lough was present and requested that council consider the water problem on East Spotswood Avenue when they begin budget preparations next year. She complimented council on the good job done on Washington Avenue.

Mr. Bobby Satterfield from the Phoenix Development Company was present to discuss the 40 unit apartment complex which they hope to build just outside the town limits on Sixth Street. They would like an agreement from the town to furnish them water and sewer service. Council agreed to bring this up later in the meeting.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting October 10, 1983 as presented.

Gerald Monger reported that the Diamond Jubilee Committee is sponsoring two buses to attend the commissioning of the U.S.S. Shenandoah in Norfolk on December 17, 1983. Those interested in attending should contact Welty Hensley or Linda Life. Most of the towns in the area are sending flags, plaques or resolutions to place on the ship that day and Mr. Monger suggested we have a flag made up to send along with a resolution. Jeddie Hensley has agreed to prepare the flag.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to authorize the expenditure to create a flag to be sent to Norfolk for the commissioning of the ship and that a resolution be drawn up to accompany the flag.

The monthly police reports were distributed and reviewed.

Councilman Davis reported that they have advertised for a dispatcher and will be reviewing the applications.

Councilman Leet asked if the town has any control over the traffic light at the intersection of Route 340 and Old Route 33. He feels this light could revert to a blinking light at night as there is very little traffic late at night. Mr. Monger stated that the State controls the traffic lights but we could make this suggestion to them. Mr. Monger was asked to look into this.

The Finance Report for the months of July, August and September was approved as presented.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve the audit report. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	-	yea	Hulings	-	yea
Flick	-	yea	Leet	-	yea
Holt	-	yea	Snow	-	yea

Councilman Flick pointed out that we did end the year with a surplus of approximately $49,000.00.

Councilman Hulings reported that we have received a letter from R. W. Becks Associates, the people doing our available power supply study, and they hope to have the report ready by mid December.

Councilman Hulings reported that we are scheduled for an electric rate increase from Vepco effective October 31st. but

still have received no word from Vepco as to what percentage increase we can expect.

Councilman Hulings pointed out that in reviewing the audit report with the auditors, they mentioned that the electric surplus is what carried the town last year and allowed us to do some of the projects that were accomplished.

Councilman Hulings stated that it would be necessary to go into Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss the electric contract with the school board.

Councilman Snow reported that Mr. Monger had asked Frank Evans, Assistant Resident Engineer for the State Highway Department, to review and make recommendations of the surface drainage situation at the intersection of Sweet Gum Street and Maple Leaf Lane in the Elkwood Subdivision. Mr. Monger has received a reply from Mr. Evans in which he states that it appears to him that the pavement and shoulders are draining exactly as designed. He did point out that it was important that the shoulder and ditch on the southeast corner of the intersection be maintained in such a manner as to not allow any overflow. He strongly recommended that Mr. Monger not allow any change in the handling of the surface water by non-standard methods.

Mr. Monger reported that some patching has been done and that they have about another day of patching to be done.

Councilman Leet reported that the Water and Sewer Committee are working on information regarding providing sewer service across the river.

Councilman Leet reported that he has visited and looked over the sewer plant. The structure is holding up beautifully and he commended Mr. Monger and Mr. Herring on the job they are doing.

There was some discussion on the request by the Phoenix Development Company for an agreement to provide water and sewer service to a proposed apartment complex. Councilman Davis stated he was not necessarily opposed to the project but he did not feel he had enough information at this time to act on the request.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman Holt to agree to supply water with a four inch water line and sewer with a six inch sewer line. This agreement will be in effect for a period of 12 months. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- nay	Hulings	- yea
Flick	- yea	Leet	- yea
Holt	- yea	Snow	- yea

Councilman Holt reported that after the problems Broadway has been having he feels they all are in agreement that we have to be able to control what sort of activities come into our town. The Planning Commission is taking a look at our zoning ordinances to make sure we are protected. If not, they will propose the necessary ordinances they feel we would need.

Councilman Davis asked what the status is on the proposed yard sale ordinance. Councilman Holt stated that they are looking into this but do not feel it is necessary to rush into anything at this point. They will have something ready by the time yard sales start up again.

Councilman Holt requested that if anyone has anything to be brought up in council that all the available information be given to council members before the meeting so they will have an opportunity to review the information before being asked to take action.

Councilman T. G. Hulings moved, seconded by Councilman R. E. Davis and carried to go into Executive Session to discuss the electric contract with the school board and personnel.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman T. G. Hulings and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Mayor Dean reported that the Rockingham Chamber of Commerce will be having their annual banquet December 2nd. at a cost of $10.00 per person.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

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