REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 1983

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held December 12, 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.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting November 14, 1983 as presented.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to approve the minutes of the special council meeting November 30, 1983 as presented.

Councilman Davis reported that each council member has received a copy of the Public Safety activities for the month of November.

Councilman Davis reported that the Public Safety Committee is investigating the possibility of going with central dispatching entirely. The Fire Company and Rescue Squad have already gone to central dispatching. The committee has no concrete proposal at this time as they want to investigate thoroughly before making any recommendation.

Councilman Holt stated he hoped the committee would inform each business of their intentions before any action is taken.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to accept the Finance Reports.

Councilman Hulings reported that the Vepco rate increase effective October appears to be 8.26% but they are not sure what the January amount will be. It will probably be about 12%. Our representatives are negotiating with Vepco and hope to reduce these increases. He reported that at this time it looks very favorable that our total increase should be about 7%. The Electric Committee felt it might be better to wait until January before passing on any increase to our customers. We would have a shortage for the first few months but we should recover this.

Councilman Holt and Councilman Davis both felt it would be better to pass on part of the increase now rather than waiting until January.

Mr. Monger reported that we should know something within a week so council decided to wait until we hear something definite and have a special meeting.

Mr. Monger reported that he had asked R. W. Becks and Associates to give us a quote on what they would charge to study our contract with the Rockingham County School Board regarding the rate on the Elkton Elementary School and supply us with the necessary facts and figures to support raising this rate. The fee they proposed was $4,500.00. The fee seems to be too much to justify going ahead with this study at this time.

Councilman Holt pointed out to council that Councilman Leet has been a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals but had submitted his resignation when he accepted the appointment to council. He stated it would be necessary to submit a suggestion to the court for someone to replace Councilman Leet on the Board of Zoning.

Mrs. Leap reported that she had talked with Mr. John Hostetler before the meeting and he had indicated to her that the Board of Zoning Appeals would be meeting on January 3rd. and at that time would have a suggestion as to someone to replace Mr. Leet on the board.

Councilman Holt presented an invoice from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce for our 1984 Membership Investment in the amount of $40.00.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to maintain our membership in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce by paying the $40.00.

Councilman Leet reported that the Water and Sewer Committee had met and they have a proposal which they would like to present to council but due to the nature of the proposal they feel they should go into Executive Session to discuss it before taking any action.

A request from Mr. Marvin Deavers of Spring Avenue for a water hook-up was presented. This section of Spring Avenue is east of Route 340 out of town. Councilman Leet stated he had discussed this with Mr. Monger and he did not feel there would be any problem with water pressure.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to approve hooking Mr. Deavers to our water system according to the guidelines set up in our town code.

Mayor Dean reported that the County Municipal League meeting will be held January 18, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. at the Ruritan Hall in Mount Crawford.

The Town Christmas Party will be held Wednesday, December 21st. at 6:30 P.M. at the Belle Meade Restaurant in Harrisonburg.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss a possible sewer contract with Rockingham County and personnel.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman S. P. H. Flick and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to empower our attorney to negotiate with the county under the guidelines of the proposal which was discussed and to return to council with the results of the negotiations.

Councilman Hulings presented the following letter:

> "It has been my privilege to serve on the Elkton Town Council. Unfortunately, due to certain conflicts of interest which arise on the first of January, I will be forced to resign my position.
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> This resignation is to be effective December 31, 1983 or at any earlier date if the council wishes.
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> I thank all members of council and Mayor Dean for their aid during my serving. We may, from time to time, have disagreed on issues but we always did so without bitterness or vindictiveness.
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> I especially would like to thank Mrs. Leap and Mr. Monger and the entire town staff for all their help.
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> I hope to be of service to the town in the future."

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to accept Councilman Hulings' resignation with regrets.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet to appoint Barry J. Ream to fill out the term of Tim Hulings. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

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