Public Hearing
August 18, 2003
6:45 P.M.

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, August 18, 2003 at 6:45 P.M., in Council Chambers with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT	ABSENT
C. H. Murphy	J. T. Dean
T. Pence	
L. Sigafoose	
R. Snow	
P. Workman	

Faye Vickers, Treasurer, Richard Pullen, Chief of Police, Todd McCoy, Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator, and Richard Carey, Clerk of Council, were also present.

Mayor Printz stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments on the closure of an unopened dedicated twenty foot wide alley located northwest of the intersection of 4th Street and "M" Street. Mr. Mel Kirdendall sought to have closed a 20 x 100' section of the alley between Lots 8 and 9 and Lots 17 and 18, Tax Map 131B3-6B2.

Mr. McCoy stated that notice of the Public Hearing was published in *The Valley Banner* on July 31 and August 7, 2003 and the adjoining property owners were notified by certified mail.

Mr. Mel Kirdendall, 100 "M" Street, restated his desire to close the above described alley and his willingness to purchase the closed section from the Town. The Kirdendalls will deed a 10' utility easement for a sewer line which runs from Lot 8 to Lot 17.

The cost to the Kirdendalls to purchase the proposed closed area was calculated by using the following formula as presented by Mr. McCoy:

To figure acreage and price per square foot, multiply acreage shown on tax ticket of 43,560 (square feet per acre). Divide the land value by square feet to obtain the price per square foot. Multiply the square feet in question by the price per square foot. The land value is a total of $14,400.00, for combined square feet of 20,691. For the Kirdendalls to purchase 200 square feet of closed alley (200 sq. ft. x .70), they would pay $1,391.91 plus court document charges of $300.00, which would result in a total cost of $1,691.91.

Lee Dearing, 124 North Street, spoke in opposition to closing this, or any alley, which was laid out a hundred years ago. As most of Elkton's utility lines run under and above our streets, Mr. Dearing considered alleys as a green space between properties with utilitarian purposes in their design.

Charles Berry had no objection to closing the alley, but he asked if the Town was going to open Park Avenue. Mayor Printz replied that that had not been discussed.

As there were no additional comments, Mayor Printz closed the Public Hearing and adjourned.

Mayor: Wayne E. Printz
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

Recorder: Richard D. Carey
Richard D. Carey, Clerk