Regular
Council Meeting
January 20, 2003

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 20, 2003 in the Council Chambers with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. The following members were present:

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

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

Mayor Printz offered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 16, 2002 and the Emergency Council meeting of January 8, 2003.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Mayor Printz recognized the birthday of Martin Luther King.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief of Police

Chief Pullen was elected to the Executive Board of the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy. As well, he was asked to serve on the newly-formed safety committee at Elkton Elementary School.

There were no questions regarding the police report.

Mayor Printz read the Advisory Committee recommendations.

Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator

Mr. McCoy presented his report. Due to the December ice storm, 35 residents requested tree limb removal. To date, twelve water haulers have established accounts.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Vickers reported an ending ledger balance for General Government for December, 2002 of $381,577.50, of which $318,653.05 is available cash. The Bond account for the same period had an ending ledger balance of $48,496.04.

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Pence, and carried to approve the Treasurer's report.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 voice vote)

Mrs. Vickers responded to Vice Mayor Murphy by stating that the Cemetery reimbursement was setting in General Government.

Electric

No report.

Finance

No report.

Personnel

No report.

Public Health, Public Safety, and Ordinances

Mayor Printz stated the Public Safety Committee met on January 14, 2003 and discussed community policing, the STOP sign at Marshall Avenue, ways to improve communications, and the officers' daily log.

After discussion of changing the due date for utilities payments, Council decided to make no change. Information provided by Council member Pence that new Social Security recipients receive their checks on their birth dates made it apparent that changing the due date would not help. Council member Snow remarked that this issue, as well as others, keeps resurfacing with Council and it was imperative that the Mayor and Council members be able to explain why policies have been established as they are. He believed that bringing the same issues back to committee time and again only hindered the effectiveness and efficiency of Council.

Streets and Sidewalks

Council member Workman stated there are several projects pending, but they are on hold because of the time of year.

Water and Sewer

No report.

Recreation

No report.

Planning Commission

No report.

Park Authority

A representative of Virginia Boxwoods surveyed the Kite property and will present a proposal to the Park Authority. Some of the boxwoods appeared to be salvageable. A soil sample will be required. Virginia Boxwoods will fertilize the soil and trim at no charge to the Town as long as Virginia Boxwoods was given the clippings.

OLD BUSINESS

EAUS Donation Request - Second Reading

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to donate $1,000.00 to Elkton Area United Services. The allocation will be taken from the Donations line item in FY Budget 02-03.

YEAS: J. Dean, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

NAYS: C. Murphy

Motion carried (5 - 1 roll call)

Reappropriations - Second Reading

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Workman, and carried to reappropriate $2,380.00 from General Government Supplies to General Government Special Events to pay Christmas expenses.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 roll call)

Vice Mayor questioned the DiDi Hensley boundary line adjustment. Attorney Miller stated the request was before the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS

CART Request

CART's request to use the Town's Recreation Department's van during an emergency was sent back to committee for further review.

February Meeting

Mayor Printz will be on vacation until February 17. Council consented to move the regular council meeting to February 24 and committee meetings to February 20 at 6:00 P.M.

Vice Mayor Murphy offered the need to start budget preparations. Council member Snow requested that the department heads start preparing their individual budget requirements.

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Snow, and carried to go into closed session under Virginia Code 15.2-2907D to discuss annexation.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 roll call)

Vice Mayor Murphy moved to go from closed session back into regular session and that each member, to the best of his or her knowledge, certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from an open meeting requirement under Chapter 21 of Title 2.1 of the Code of Virginia were heard, discussed, or considered. Council member Snow duly seconded the motion.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 roll call)

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

RECORDER: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk