Committee Meetings
July 15, 2003

The Standing Committees of the Elkton Town Council met on Tuesday, July 15, 2003 in Council Chambers. Mayor Wayne E. Printz was present, as were the following Council members:

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

Faye Vickers, Treasurer, Richard Pullen, Chief of Police, and Richard Carey, Clerk of Council, were also present.

Mayor Printz announced the Elkton Field Day Parade was scheduled for August 2, 2003 and invited members of Council to ride in the parade as a group. Mrs. Vickers was authorized to purchase candy for the event.

Council decided to hold committee meetings on the Wednesday prior to Council meeting Monday. The time will remain 6:00 P.M.

Council member Snow has talked to a real estate broker in Northern Virginia who is trying to market the entire 263 lots to developers of golf course communities. Council member Snow believes this is a very strong possibility for the development of the Mary E. Kite property. Council member Snow stated the sale of 263 lots could generate $10,500,000.00, minus 5% broker commission, which would equal $500,000.00. Of the balance, the Park Authority would receive 68% and the Town would receive 32%, thereby providing the money to build the golf course and leave a million dollars or two in reserve to carry the golf course until it turned a profit. Elkton would also receive $700,000.00 plus from water and sewer hookups to the 263 lots. This plan will be discussed in detail once the Conference Committee has considered it. Council member Snow stated the property must be zoned and the Town would have to guarantee water and sewer to the lots.

Vice Mayor Murphy referred to the first meeting of the Conference Committee as "productive and cooperative." Three options emerged from that meeting:

1. Accepting the Park Authority's initial plan;
2. Private development;
3. Direct sell-off of the land.

The consensus of the Committee was to not pursue the engineering study at this time, pending additional information.

Vice Mayor Murphy was granted permission to authorize Attorney Nathan Miller to secure the option to purchase the Hiram Kite property.

Life Well

The well is pumping in excess of 200 gallons of water per minute, according to Mr. McCoy. Based on that information, Council member Dean authorized Mr. McCoy to offer Granville Life $15,000.00 to purchased the well.

In Mr. McCoy's absence, Mayor Printz reported the work at the substation was complete and the Rockingham Street Project should be finished by Monday.

Asbestos

Conflicting information emerged during a discussion of asbestos removal from the recently purchased Wrangler Building. Council member Sigafoose asked who authorized the amount of $10,000.00 to be included in the contract for the Town's obligation to remove asbestos if it should be required. Mayor Printz stated that was the amount Attorney Miller included. Council member Sigafoose then wanted to know who authorized the attorney to insert such a large amount. Vice Mayor Murphy stated she talked to Attorney Miller, who told her he suggested including $5,000.00 in the contact, but Mayor Printz instructed him to use $10,000.00. Mayor Printz stated that Vice Mayor Murphy must have misunderstood what Attorney Miller told her. Council member Sigafoose was annoyed that this was another example of decisions being made without consent of Council.

Additional discussions regarding the use(s) of the Community Center were tabled until after the Commission on Local Governments holds the annexation Public Hearing on July 28, 2003.

The Rockingham Street Project and the subcontracting of so many Town projects continue to be areas of contention.

Employee performance issues and expectations were discussed. Vice Mayor Murphy expressed concern about maintenance personnel not wearing uniforms and their failure to wear safety glasses and ear plugs. Vice Mayor Murphy will discuss VDOT and OSHA safety standards with Mr. McCoy.

The eyesores created by local businesses were discussed. Mayor Printz stated he has been active in this area by personally talking to various business owners/operators and letting them know what is expected of them. He promised, with Council support, that these unsightly areas will be cleaned up.

Council authorized Mrs. Vickers to pay Valley Engineering and Quik Copy.

Vice Mayor Murphy presented the job description for Clerk II, which was budgeted to provided clerical help for Mr. McCoy and Mr. Meadows.

Mayor Printz will purchase fold-up canopies and window air conditioning units for use at the Kite house - and other locations as required.

Mrs. Vickers was given tentative approval to reinvest $75,000.00 in REPO. Final approval will be given at Monday's Council meeting. Mrs. Vickers also sought Council permission to abate two accounts. There were no objections and this also will be on the agenda for Monday.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

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