Committees
April 11, 2006

PRESENT	STAFF
W. Printz	Nathan Miller
R. Snow	Dennis Donachy
J. Dean	Clairen Sipe
C. McDaniel	Marty Shifflett
T. Pence	Emily Burner
S. Sigafoose	Richard Pullen
P. Workman	Richard Carey

Bobby Gooden

Bobby Gooden returned and addressed Council regarding what he considered a neighbor's violation of a home occupation permit. The dispute also included the erection of a fence. He presented an attorney's invoice which totaled $1,208.50. Mr. Gooden commented, "I don't think I should have to pay for these bills, my attorney's fee and the surveying fee. So far it's $1,208.50. Now what comes after this, I'll pay it. You might say I'm blackmailing you fellows. The reason I came here tonight is because the press wasn't here. I wanted to be fair with you fellows running for re-election. But, I'll guarantee you if you don't pay this bill, I'll spend a few more hundred dollars and have my ads in the paper and all these truck tractors and everything around here that I've been putting up with will be splattered in the paper."

Mr. Donachy stated Mr. Gooden has failed to notify town officials in a timely manner so that the alleged violations could be documented. In addition, Mr. Gooden has been the only resident to complain to him about infractions or non-compliance.

Mr. Donachy reviewed portions of the Elkton Code in response to questions from the Council. Vice Mayor Snow recalled a situation where a home occupation permit was sought to repair TV sets in an outbuilding. The request was denied because the actual work would not be performed inside the home. Vice Mayor Snow was curious about when the Code changed to allow work in outbuildings. He stated, "Council should change it back to the way it used to be."

If violations can be proved, Council can withdraw the permit. Attorney Miller will review the Code as it applies to grandfathering and changing the character of the neighborhood.

Emily Burner

• Continuing to work with the Department of Historic Resources staff to revise our application for the cost share program and resubmit it for the next funding cycle. The next cycle has not yet been announced, but expected to be this spring.

• A leadership class with the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce is completing their work on the building and business surveys for Elkton.

• The East Rockingham Business Council meeting is set for Thursday, April 20, 2006 at Four Star Realty from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

• The next Elkton Town Festival planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 7:00 P.M., in Council Chambers.

Clairen Sipe

• Treasurer's office to accept payments by credit card.
• VTG Network Printer.
• Working on quarterly reports.
• Summer sewer sign-ups.

- Decal deadline is April 17.
- Adjust electric bills.
- Bad debt collection.
- Inventory of gas keys for Town vehicles.

Mayor Printz initiated another discussion of electric billing.

Marty Shifflett

- Spring clean-up will last one week. Date will be determined and advertised.
- Yard waste – two proposals:
  a. $1.00 per house based on 1,015 stops. May through September or October. Pick up twice monthly.

  b. $2.25 per 1,015 stops.

- ISTEA – could be allocated to a minority owned business. Environmental data needs to be updated.
- Buddy Bruce water line.

Richard Pullen

- Need to hire two officers.
- Bluegrass Festival – April 21 and 22.
- Spring Carnival – April 26 through 29.
- Decal detail and expired registrations.
- Consoles ordered for vehicles.

Dennis Donachy

- Second readings Monday:
  a. Animals in Cemetery
  b. Private Streets
- Will discuss grave marking and other issues with the Cemetery Commission when they meet.
- Need to set work session for 06-07 budget.

Nathan Miller

- Bylaws for fund raising committee.
- Resolution and agreement with Community Foundation.

Rick Workman

- Community Service Award

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

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