Special Council/
Committee Meetings
June 13, 2006

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held at the Kite house on June 13, 2006 to name a permanent Chief of Police and to hire new police officers. Mayor Printz presided and the following Council members were present:

PRESENT
J. Dean
C. McDaniel
S. Sigafoose
R. Snow
P. Workman

ABSENT
T. Pence

Town Attorney J. Burns Earle, III, Town Manager Dennis R. Donachy, Treasurer Clairen Sipe, Director of Public Works Marty Shifflett, Acting Chief of Police James Morris, and Clerk of Council Richard Carey were also present.

Closed Session

Council member Dean moved, second by Vice Mayor Snow, and carried to go into closed session under Virginia Code 2.2-3711 to discuss personnel issues.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. McDaniel, S. Sigafoose, R. Snow, and P. Workman

Motion carried (5 – 0 roll call)

Council member Dean 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 2.2 of the Code of Virginia were heard, discussed, or considered. Vice Mayor Snow duly seconded the motion.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. McDaniel, S. Sigafoose, R. Snow, and P. Workman

Motion carried (5 – 0 voice vote)

Hire Police Officers

Council member Workman moved, second by Vice Mayor Snow, and carried, that on behalf of the Police Committee and the Personnel Committee, we hire Mr. Ijames and Mr. Cross at a starting salary of $19,144.00 and Mr. Carter at a starting salary of $23,336.00.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. McDaniel, S. Sigafoose, R. Snow, and P. Workman

Motion carried (5 – 0 roll call)

Chief of Police

Council member Workman moved, second by Vice Mayor Snow, and carried that, on behalf of the Police Committee and the Personnel Committee, we hire Sergeant Morris as Chief of Police at a starting salary of $38,000.00.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. McDaniel, S. Sigafoose, R. Snow, and P. Workman

Motion carried (5 – 0 roll call)

Council member Sigafoose was excused at 6:45 P.M., and Mayor Printz opened the Committee meetings.

Chief Morris

• Asked Council for a salary adjustment for a police officer. Council will discuss the circumstances in closed session. Vice Mayor Snow asked for the experience of the two officers.

• Chief Morris sought Sergeant and Corporal positions within his department.

Clairen Sipe

• Communication taxes are changing. A single check will be coming from the State instead of individual checks from utility companies. The auditors must certify this to the Commonwealth of Virginia by October 1. This process is not part of our annual audit and an additional audit charge of less that $500.00 will be billed.

• Mrs. Sipe and Attorney Derrick Whetzel (Miller, Earle, & Shanks) will proceed against a former business owner for unpaid taxes.

• She stressed conservative spending.

• Mrs. Sipe did not favor advertising for donations to the Rockingham Foundation on utility bills. She offered that customers could include an extra check or add a donation to their payments without specifying why.

Emily Burner

• Rockingham Business Council will meet Thursday the 15th at 5:30 P.M., at Four Star Realty.

Attorney Earle reminded Mayor Printz he needed to close the Special Meeting.

Council member Dean moved, second by Vice Mayor Snow, and carried to adjourn the Special Council Meeting and open the Committee Meetings.

YEAS: J. Dean, C. McDaniel, R. Snow, and P. Workman

Motion carried (5 – 0 voice vote)

Emily Burner (continued)

• Town Festival meeting at 7:00 P.M., in Council Chambers on Thursday, June 22.

• Town Festival will be August 12.

Marty Shifflett

• South Eastside Highway – Commercial/Industrial Park – water and sewer connections. John Flory and Eddie Breeden want to extend Town sewer to the lot across Ore Wash Road. Preliminary figures for the 2,600 feet were $145,000.00 to $185,000.00.

• An annexed resident on Prospect Avenue is willing to donate a 700 feet private road to the Town in exchange for water/sewer hook-up. Vice Mayor Snow believed there would not be enough width to certify the street for VDOT. The road would be paved.

• Willow Oaks – 10 inch water line. Mr. Shifflett and Gerald Monger will present more information.

• Mr. Shifflett will prepare a spread sheet of paving quotes for Blue and Gold Drive and Pentecostal Hill.

• Rockingham County desires sewer hook-up at refuse center.

• Greg Mowbray presented invoice for 2 water damaged cabinets at Good O' Boys.

• Wastewater operator needed.

• RCBL All Star Game played here.

Move Generator

Vice Mayor Snow again requested the generator between the press box and the well house be moved around the corner of the well house to the steps. He believed the project could be completed for $3,000.00.

Vice Mayor Snow requested the Planning Commission "clean up the Code " regarding trailers "so we can deny the trash that is being put around Town."

Dennis Donachy

• Monday at 6:00 P.M. – public hearing on Dominion Ridge Master Plan

• Monday at 6:30 P.M. – public hearing on 06-07 budget.

• Second Reading – B-1 Parking

• First Reading – Ordinance to Specify Street and Alley Closure

Staff was dismissed at 7:17 P.M.

Kids Castle

Mr. Donachy distributed a study from Mr. Meadows. Since so many State standards are lacking, the least expensive cost to replace the structure is $110,000.00. Mr. Donachy's recommendation was to close the Kids Castle as soon as possible.

Council member Workman suggested a partnership with Rockingham County Schools to repair/replace the Castle.

Council consensus was to have the Chief of Police close the Kids Castle immediately.

Internal Review (Audit)

Letter from the audit company needs a signature.

Employee Pay

Mayor Printz encouraged Council to discuss employee salaries at Monday's meeting. He strongly believed they had to be raised because the Town continues to lose "good people." Vice Mayor Snow stated the solution was to close the Angler deal.

Council member McDaniel noted he would be absent from Monday's meeting but added, "I will support an increase in Town staff salaries. Happy people make you money."

- Special Meeting for Second Reading of 06-07 budget – Monday 26th.

- Council member Dean asked Council to consider no additional water connections to the Life Well because the water must be treated. Residents who were connected to the well still access the water at their own risk, but do not pay for the water. Vice Mayor Snow's opinion was to shut down the well and connect to Town water.

Council Member Workman

- Gerald K. Monger Community Service Award

- A trailer ordinance is urgent.

Attorney Burns Earle

- Mary K. Hutton was notified she could appear before Council on Monday for a hearing.

- Letter sent to Chris Brown regarding an Adelphia Cable issue.

Vice Mayor Snow cited a memo from the Town Attorney which made it clear that the Town was free of any debt incurred by the Park Authority.

As there was no further business, Mayor Printz adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

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