Work Session
Charter
February 6, 2006

The Elkton Town Council held a work session in Council Chambers on February 6, 2006 with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. The following Council members were present:

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

Town Attorney Nathan Miller, Chief of Police Richard Pullen, and Clerk of Council Richard Carey were also present. Town Manager Dennis R. Donachy arrived later.

The following issues were reviewed, discussed, and resolved:

1. Public comment will be included in the Charter (The agenda for the regular scheduled monthly meeting shall include a provision for public comment as defined in the Town Ordinances).

2. Quorum – majority of the voting members of Council.

3. Emergency Clause removed (restores the May 2006 election and current Charter remains in effect until July 1, 2006).

4. Mayor and Council elected by popular vote.

5. Section 6.4 (The Charter shall be amended pursuant to the Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia).

6. State Code addresses referendum, what qualifies and how to proceed. Mr. Miller stated it did not have to be included in the Charter.

7. Specific measures (sanctions) as a method to maintain discipline as applied to Mayor and Council. (Discussed and disregarded).

8. Term limits for Mayor/Council – either or both could be included. (No support).

9. Cemetery funds held in separate account for perpetual care and upkeep of the Cemetery only.

10. Spending limits on non-appropriated funds based on State Code (currently $500.00) and the Elkton Code will reflect two required readings, with a minimum of three (3) days between the First and Second Readings.

Attorney Miller reviewed four issues from his notes of Council discussion:

1. Define majority of Council

2. Eliminate Emergency Clause

3. Section 6.4 will reflect the Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia

4. Limits on non-appropriated funds

Vice Mayor Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, to approve what was presented to us before, with the corrections that Nathan has.

After discussion of the motion, which included the pending public hearing, the motion and the second were withdrawn.

Council member Workman moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to forward the Charter as it is written, with the four additions that Nathan has as a working document for Wednesday night.

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

Motion carried (6 – 0 roll call)

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

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