Committee Meetings
January 10, 2006

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

STAFF
Dennis Donachy
Clairen Sipe
Marty Shifflett
Emily Burner
Richard Pullen
Richard Carey

Emily Burner

- A response to the Request for Applications for the 2005-2006 State Survey and Planning Cost Share Funds has been submitted to the commonwealth of Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR)

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

- The East Rockingham Business Council meeting is set for Thursday, January 19, 2006 at the Kite house from5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Clairen Sipe

- Asked to issue business licenses from June 1 to May 31. Mr. Donachy will check Code.

- Donation request from Rockingham Education Foundation for scholarships and programs the School Board does not fund. Will receive consideration in next year's budget.

- Attorney Miller arrived at 6:10 P.M.

- Extremely delinquent taxes will be handled through our attorney's office.

- Businesses writing bad checks and Meals Tax not being paid on time.

Marty Shifflett

- Pentecostal Hill – water line has been laid to the Reservoir. It is planned to connect the Reservoir on Thursday.

- ISTEA – no response to second notice of bid. Checking to see if the Town can solicit bids.

- Waste Treatment Plant – Anderson & Associates will need 6 to 9 months to complete the Preliminary Engineering Review at a cost of $68,000.00.

- Spring repairs – hopefully completed by the end of next week.

- Alleys – Mr. Shifflett would like the Code to state if the Town does or does not maintain alleys. If the alley is used for trash pick-up or utilities – these could be used to develop a policy.

- Right-of-Ways – Mr. Shifflett stated, "Since I've been here, I've been telling property owners that they own the sewer lateral from the time that it leaves their property to the time it gets to the main. There are certain situations where they have to cross the road to get to the main. Who owns that section from the property line to the main? It has been Town policy that the owner is responsible to the main." Mr. Donachy will study a solution.

- Dominion Virginia Power – on the 13th from 3:00 A.M., to 5:00 A.M., repairs will be made as a result of the lightning strike. The public will be notified.

- Electric rate increase – 2nd reading Monday – up to 2 ½ %. This will be annually for the next 4 years.

Richard Pullen

- Sgt. Morris and Office Lam now certified to install child safety seats.

- Mutual Aid Agreement with Rockingham County will be renewed.

Dennis Donachy

- Pay Pam Kite legal fees of $6,800.00.

- Kite property interest payment due in 5 days - $32,300.00 en route from Angler.

- Yard Sale and Adult Businesses Ordinances will be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Comp Plan discussed; will be ready in 30-60 days.

- Permanent hooks installed for banner advertising.

- Benny King has agreed to contract with Mary K. Hutton for house demolition.

- Dr. LaTouche's variance request to Planning Commission.

- IDA – ad placed for interested person to serve on the Board.

- Decals – could be sold through DMV with license renewal.

- Purchasing Policy – 1st reading Monday.

- Virginia Select – will invite representative to look at various properties in Town.

- Economic development and business success ideas were discussed, including possible incentives.

- Charter
    1. Rules for public comment
    2. Rules for Order and Decorum
    3. Public comment (general statement in Charter; procedure in Code)
    4. Approval of spending limits
    5. Election of Mayor
    6. Discretionary funds (public relations)
    7. Budget will reflect $500.00 for each Committee spending and $1000.00 for Mayor's discretionary fund
    8. Two Council members needed to call Special Meeting
    9. Expulsion of member – Attorney Miller still researching
    10. Define Mayor's role; define Council's role.
    11. Deleting Mayor as CEO and the Mayor representing the Town, its government and the policies adopted by the Town Council were also discussed.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

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