Committee Meetings
July 13, 2006

PRESENT	STAFF
M. Dearing	Tom Miller
M. Isom	Clairen Sipe
D. Kite	Marty Shifflett
M. O'Neill	Rodney Hensley
W. Printz	Richard Carey
S. Sigafoose	

ABSENT
T. Pence

Due to the scheduled public forum this date, abbreviated Committee meetings were held at the Elkton Firemen's Activity Building.

Vice Mayor Dearing opened by stating from May 2 to July 1 the Council-elect had time to discuss what they were told while campaigning and implementing some major changes at their organizational meeting held on July 1. He was aware there were some who believed this Council would fail from the start. He asked that those skeptics volunteer their time and become active in "overseeing government." He heard, 'Kill the Angler deal.' His reply was, "It was easy to kill but, how much are you willing to pay to kill the deal?" Presently, "the money coming in doesn't match the money going out." Hard decisions, some unpopular, will have to be made to make sure the Town remains solvent. He again asked input and support as Council "continues to do what is best for Elkton." He again referred to the citizen form that will be available on the Treasurer's counter. This form will be used to communicate to Council any problem(s) in a citizen's area. If a work order should be needed for a particular project, one will be written.

Council member Kite stated there would be more public forums in the future. If a citizen was not comfortable speaking in public, he urged them to speak with any Council member privately. His key to success was "communication."

Vice Mayor Dearing commented on the Community Center by saying, "Anyone who walks into that building will be proud as to what has happened to that building." If he had reservations in the beginning they were erased after touring the building. "Elkton got its money worth," he said with approval. The building is also age friendly.

Council member Isom thanked the citizens in attendance and encouraged continued community involvement. She observed that some suggestions and concerns had been addressed and there will be a continuing effort by Council to respond to the citizens' needs.

Council member O'Neill was brief as he echoed Vice Mayor Dearing's sentiments regarding the Community Center. His statement was, "We've got to find a way to pay for it but we got a Cadillac."

A Naval Academy alumnus, Town Attorney Tom Miller and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of seven children and live in an area outside of Keezletown. The oldest son just entered the Naval Academy. Having lived in the area for almost 20 years, Mr. Miller stated he has represented other municipalities in the past and believes he is knowledgeable in local government law. In addition, his practice is general law.

Council member Sigafoose spoke regarding the many phone calls he receives and stated he will continue to try to help everybody.

Council Desk for Community Center

Council member O'Neill gave the history of the Council desk. Fifty percent, as required by the contract, was paid up front. The business is now asking for 50% of the

remaining balance. When asked, Council member O'Neill said he was "neutral" but as a "good faith" gesture he could support the request. Vice Mayor Dearing stated the contract called for the balance due at the completion of the project. "We need to see the finished product," he said. Obviously there would not be unanimous Council support for the request so Council member O'Neill was satisfied to stay with the terms of the contract.

Treasurer

Mrs. Sipe reminded Council that she needed their withholding forms to process payroll.

As there was no further business, Mayor Printz adjourned the meeting.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

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