Public Hearing
Revised FY 06-07 Town of Elkton Budget
December 18, 2006

A public hearing to receive comments regarding the amended FY 06-07 Town of Elkton budget was held at 6:30 P.M., on December 18, 2006 in the Community Room of the Elkton Area Community Center. Mayor Wayne E. Printz presided. The following Council members were present:

PRESENT
M. Dearing
M. Isom
D. Kite
M. O'Neill
T. Pence
S. Sigafoose

Town Attorney Tom Miller, Chief of Police James Morris, and Clerk of Council Richard Carey were also present.

Richard McGregor, 264 Windsong Hills Drive, Elkton, stated his credentials as a retired Department of Defense budget analyst. His review of the proposed budget produced the following response to Council:

1. No adherence to accounting principals.
2. Where is the Pentecostal Hill loan? It was a General Government undertaking and therefore the payments should appear in the General Government Expense Ledger.
3. The two million (golf course) bonds were also General Government undertaking and payment should appear in the General Government Expense Ledger, not part of it in the Community Center Ledger.
4. Real Estate Tax. The real number should be $141,975.00. Why would you say you only expect to receive 90% due us? You have seven more months to collect it all.
5. The same thing applies to Personal Property tax. We collected $75,172.00 last year and only $62,595.00 in this budget. I am sure that some of the people have bought new cars. Not to mention that the rate has increased. Don't the decals take care of the problem?
6. M. E. Kite Trust $54,232.00 equates to thirteen payments. I think that we are only going to make twelve payments this year $50,060.00.
7. Salary Full time in the Community Center Expense Ledger shows $100,924.00. That is what we would pay for one year, not the eight months they would work this year. The figure should be $65,989.00.
8. Salary Part Time in Community Center Expense Ledger shows $56,160.00. These people will only work eight months this year. So the number should read $36,720.00.
9. The 1.7 million bond loan has not closed yet. If it closes this month and payments are quarterly then we will only make two payments this fiscal. So the number should read $26,527.85 for Principal and $38,002.39 for Interest.
10. Due to the salary issue in 7 and 8, I must assume that all monies associated with employment (Social Security, Group Life, Retirement) would also require adjustments.
11. Where is the Unemployment Taxes for Department Heads and Community Center employees?

He continued that the budget "is far from accurate." He added that Council was operating under a budget "created by a novice." He recommended that a financial professional sit on the Finance Committee. Furthermore, anyone involved in the "fiscal responsibility of the Town should be required to complete Accounting 101 at any local college."

As there were no additional comments, **Vice Mayor Dearing moved, second by Council member O'Neill, and carried to close the public hearing.**

YEAS: M. Dearing, M. Isom, D. Kite, M. O'Neill, T. Pence, and S. Sigafoose.

Motion carried (6 – 0 roll call)

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz

Recorder: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk