Special
Council Meeting
September 6, 2006

A Special Meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held on September 6, 2006 in Council Chambers with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. The following Council members were present:

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

Town Attorney Tom Miller and Clerk of Council Richard Carey were also present.

Mayor Printz read the agenda:

1. Contracts
2. Community Center
3. Personnel Policies
4. Personnel Procedures
5. Personnel Performance and Evaluation

Anderson & Associates Contract

Council was unified in their opinions that information and timely assessments from Anderson were lacking. When the discussion centered on canceling the contract, Vice Mayor Dearing observed this would be the third canceled contract by this Council. He was concerned that this would send the wrong message that Elkton does not honor contracts. Mayor Printz interpreted such action the opposite way. If contracted work was not forthcoming, the Town would not hesitate to void a contract.

Attorney Miller noted that Anderson's billing reflecting estimated work completed would be "crucial information" in determining if Anderson satisfied the contract schedule.

Mayor Printz and Council member Kite believed very little of the contract had been completed and the Town would not lose too much by canceling at this time.

Vice Mayor Dearing urged Council to proceed with caution. He wanted to make sure there were not misplaced or discarded records of which Council was not aware. Mr. Miller will review the contact and have a draft letter of termination ready for the Council meeting. In the meantime, Mayor Printz will contact Blackwell Engineering for a bid to perform the same work that is contracted with Anderson.

Closed Session

Mary K. Hutton protested that the closed meeting with the Community Center Committee was illegal.

Council member O'Neill moved second by Council member Kite, and carried to go into closed session under Virginia Code 2.2-3711 to discuss personnel issues.

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

Motion carried (6 – 0 roll call)

Council member O'Neill 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 Dearing duly seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (6 – 0 roll call)

Mayor Printz announced no action regarding personnel discipline.

Vice Mayor Dearing moved, second by Council member O'Neill, and carried that Lynn Meadows be moved from the Town building to the new Community Center when it is approved to be opened and he will perform the duties that he performs here in the Community Center, be relieved of Cemetery duties, and be paid by the Town as presently being paid.

Mr. Meadows' job title will remain Special Departments Coordinator.

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

Motion carried (6 – 0 roll call)

Council member Sigafoose left the room to make a phone call.

Vice Mayor Dearing announced four new maintenance personnel had been hired and they are "tentatively" on payroll awaiting approval by full Council. Four divertees are also on payroll until mid-December.

Council member Sigafoose returned.

The Town now has a maintenance crew and a heavy equipment crew.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz

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