

**TOWN OF ELKTON**  
**TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**March 6, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m.**

The Elkton Town Council Work Session was held on March 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Elkton Area Community Center, located at 20593 Blue & Gold Drive, Elkton, Virginia, with Mayor Joshua J. Gooden presiding.

**Present:** Mayor Joshua J. Gooden, Vice-Mayor Phillip Workman, II, Council Member Jan Hensley, Council Member Virginia Fulginiti, Council Member Rachel Michael, and Council Member Aaron Napotnik.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Greg Lunsford, Town Attorney Nathan H. Miller, Public Works Director Gaither Hurt, Economic & Community Development Director Delores Hammer, and Clerk of Council Denise Monger.

**ADOPTION OF REVISED AGENDA**

**Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded by Council member Fulginiti, and carried adopt the revised agenda as presented.**

**YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, II, R. Michael, and A. Napotnik**

**NAYS: None**

**VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried**

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Lunsford reported that committee meetings were held on February 28, 2023. A big priority was the FY24 budget which would be discussed at the upcoming Finance Committee meeting scheduled for March 28. The ARPA funding would be discussed in detail and the next retreat. He had attended the monthly meeting at the wastewater treatment plant and completion of that project was scheduled for June 1, 2023. The Town had received nineteen applications for the Parks and Recreation Director position.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Town Attorney Miller reported no additional business.

**STAFF & COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Chief Harris reported cases were being solved and extra patrols were taking place.

Mrs. Hammer reported the following meetings were scheduled: Planning Commission on March 8 at 7:00 p.m.; Cemetery Commission on March 13 will interview for a vacancy and discuss mowing contract; Board of Zoning Appeals on March 21 will interview for a vacancy. She noted that her office had been busy answering questions and providing information regarding the proposed boundary line adjustment.

Chairperson Napotnik reported that two ribbon-cutting ceremonies were forthcoming. He noted that Dr. Robinson's office would hold a ceremony as well as The Hidden Violet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Accept resignation from Steve America from the Elkton Town Council**

**Council member Fulginiti moved, seconded by Council member Hensley, and carried to accept the resignation from Steve America from the Elkton Town Council.**

**YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, II, R. Michael, and A. Napotnik**

**NAYS: None**

**VOTE: (5 – 0 roll call) Motion carried**

Agricultural Lease

Mr. Hurt stated that there was a buffer around the new wastewater treatment plant that either had to be mowed and maintained or the Town could enter into an agricultural lease. He noted that that the Town had only received one bid in response to the ad placed regarding the annual lease. It was opened that day, March 6, 2023, with staff present. The bid was from Double S Farm with Mr. Randy Seal as the contractor and a price of \$60 an acre for hay and pasture land.

**Council member Michael moved, seconded by Council member Napotnik, and carried to accept the agricultural lease from Double S Farms/Randy Seal for \$60 an acre per year.**

**YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, II, R. Michael, and A. Napotnik**

**NAYS: None**

**VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried**

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

Mayor Gooden encouraged everyone to watch TV3 that evening to see a special news story on Elkton's Stan Crider. Mr. Crider was a ninety-eight year old WWII Veteran and walked four miles a day around Town and planned to participate in the 4K benefit race for EAUS that weekend.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded by Council member Fulginiti, and carried that council go from Regular Session in to Closed Session pursuant to the following:**

- a. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711.A.7 for, "Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter."**
- b. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711.A.1 for, "Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body."**
- c. Pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711.A.3 for, "Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body."**

**YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, II, R. Michael, and A. Napotnik**

**NAYS: None**

**VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried**

**OPEN SESSION/MOTION TO CERTIFY CLOSED MEETING**

**Council member Fulginiti moved, seconded Council member Hensley, that Council go from Closed Session back into Regular Session and Council certify pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3712(D), that to the best of each member's knowledge, as recognized by each Council member's knowledge, as recognized by each Council member's affirmative vote,**

that only such business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711, as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Meeting by Council, and that the vote of each individual member of Council be taken by roll call and recorded and included in the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council.

**YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, II, R. Michael, and A. Napotnik**

**NAYS: None**

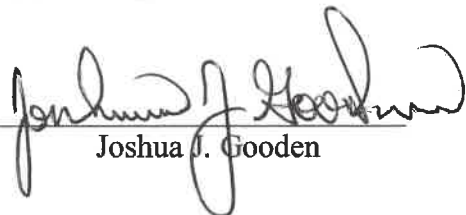
**VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried**

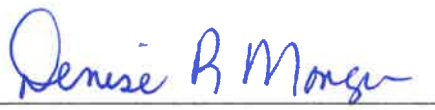
Motion to Adjourn

**Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded by Council member Napotnik, and carried to adjourn the meeting.**

**YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, II, R. Michael, and A. Napotnik**

**NAYS: None**

Mayor:   
Joshua J. Gooden

Recorder:   
Denise R. Monger, Clerk