

**TOWN OF ELKTON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MAY 6, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

The Elkton Town Council Work Session was held on March 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at 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 Rick Workman, Council Member Jan Hensley, Council Member Virginia Fulginiti, Council Member Rachel Michael, and Council Member Louis Heidel.

Absent: Council Member Aaron Napotnik (excused).

Also Present: Town Manager Greg Lunsford, Chief of Police Mike King, Public Works Director Gaither Hurt, Community Development Director Delores Hammer, Community Center Director Christina Morrow, Treasurer Donna Curry, and Clerk of Council Denise Monger.

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Mayor Gooden called the meeting to order and the Clerk was asked to call the roll.

ADOPTION OF AMENDED AGENDA

Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded by Council member Fulginiti, and carried to adopt the agenda as amended to add there would be a closed session for legal matters and not personnel.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Workman, R. Michael, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Utility Rate Increases

A public hearing was held on May 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Elkton Area Community Center, in the Council Chambers, located at 20593 Blue & Gold Drive, Elkton, to receive comments on the following proposed rate changes pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-107 and 15.2-2109 et seq.:

- Water (in-town): \$1.50 increase in base rates;
- Water (out-of-town): \$3.00 increase in base rates;
- Water hauler rates: from \$8.00 to \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons

The proposed increases would become effective July 1, 2024.

Public Comments

Wayne Printz, 336 W. Washington, Elkton, spoke briefly regarding the rate increases that took place last year and noted what a burden to seniors it was. He noted it was a mistake to continue to increase rates.

With no additional speakers, the public hearing was closed.

FY24/25 Budget

A public hearing was held on May 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Elkton Area Community Center, located at 20593 Blue & Gold Drive, Elkton, Virginia, on the Town of Elkton's proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) in the amount of \$9,143,137 pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2506.

Public Comments

Mr. Lunsford stated that increases were minimal and all other categories remained flat with no increase. He thanked the Finance Committee and all of the departments for their hard work.

Wayne Printz, 336 W. Washington, Elkton, stated that the damage had been done last year regarding the budget. There were many items in the budget that he had questions regarding but he would address that at a future date. He was still doing an evaluation on all of the figures. He requested that Council stop spending.

Randall Snow, 121 Clover Lane, Elkton, he questioned if any individual Council member knew what was exactly in the budget. He noted that no committee meetings were being held and the Town was not operating correctly. He had questions about line items. He was provided a copy of the budget at the meeting.

With no additional speakers, the public hearing was closed.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lunsford spoke regarding the recent operations report provided to Council. He thanked Mr. Hurt and the Public Works Department for their hard work to clear and reestablish electric after a vehicle accident at the Post Office. The Elkton Downtown Marketplace was progressing nicely and was on budget. The new website would be ready to launch next week. A few legal steps were needed before additional action could be taken regarding the blight/nuisance issues. He noted that Mrs. Hammer had done an excellent job of working on those issues with Town Attorney Callahan.

No additional staff reports.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Utilities (Chairperson Workman): Sidewalk projects starting.

Parks & Recreation (Chairperson Fulginiti): Mrs. Morrow was doing an amazing job as the director.

Policy & Personnel (Chairperson Michael): Working on hiring police officers.

Special Projects & Economic Development (Chairperson Napotnik): No report.

Finance (Chairperson Jan Hensley): Members of Council had reviewed the budget. She and Council member Heidel had met with staff in preparation of the budget. Committee meetings would be held in the future.

Public Safety – (Chairperson Heidel): He had reviewed the budget and worked with the Town Manager and staff. The Town received a positive water report.

UNFNISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading to amend Town Elkton Code Section 158-18 Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance

Council member Heidel moved on a Second Reading, seconded by Council member Hensley, and carried to amend the Town of Elkton Code Section 158-18 Inoperable Vehicle ordinance.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Workman, R. Michael, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to approve the issuance of a special exception permit to Lezipo Properties for short-term rentals at 120 West E. Street, Elkton

Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded by Council member Michael, and carried to accept the recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to approve the issuance of a special exception permit to Lezipo Properties for short-term rentals at 120 West E. Street, Elkton.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Workman, R. Michael, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to hold a joint public hearing on a request from Elkton Area United Services to rezone real estate consisting of two parcels with one parcel containing 4.025 +/- acres at 15266 Old Spotswood Trail, Elkton (tax map no. 130-A-87) and the second parcel containing 3 acres +/- located at 15156 Old Spotswood Trail, Elkton (tax map no. 130-A-85)

Billie Joe Dofflemyer, Executive Director, for Elkton Area United Services spoke briefly about the organization and the request to rezone the parcels.

Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded by Council member Michael, and carried to accept the recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to hold a joint public hearing on a request from Elkton Area United Services to rezone real estate consisting of two parcels with one parcel containing 4.025 +/- acres at 15266 Old Spotswood Trail, Elkton (tax map no. 130-A-87) and the second parcel containing 3 acres +/- located at 15156 Old Spotswood Trail, Elkton (tax map no. 130-A-85).

It was determined the hearing would be scheduled for June 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Workman, R. Michael, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to approve a request from Angela H. Downey-Price to subdivide a lot located on 16760 E. Prospect Avenue, Elkton

Council member Heidel moved, seconded by Council member Fulginiti, and carried to accept the recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to approve a request from Angela H. Downey-Price to subdivide a lot located on 16760 E. Prospect Avenue, Elkton.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Workman, R. Michael, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to approve a request by Robert & Rhonda Gooden to subdivide a lot located on 16950 E. Summit Avenue, Elkton

Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded by Council member Hensley, and carried to accept the recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to approve a request by Robert & Rhonda Gooden to subdivide a lot located on 16950 E. Summit Avenue, Elkton.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Workman, R. Michael, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to schedule a joint public hearing for the 2024 Town of Elkton Comprehensive Plan

Council member Michael moved, seconded by Council member Heidel, and carried to accept the recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to schedule a joint public hearing for the 2024 Town of Elkton Comprehensive Plan.

It was determined the hearing would be scheduled for June 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Workman, R. Michael, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

First Reading of an ordinance proposing a budget for the Town of Elkton, Virginia for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, appropriating funds for public purposes for said fiscal year; adjusting rates, fees and taxes; and continuing in effect all ordinances of the Town of Elkton, Virginia, relating to taxes, licenses, fees, service charges, costs and other charges and all ordinances relating to the time of payment thereof and collection thereof, except as herein specifically modified

Council member Hensley moved on a First Reading to adopt an ordinance proposing a budget for the Town of Elkton, Virginia for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, appropriating funds for public purposes for said fiscal year; adjusting rates, fees and taxes; and continuing in effect all ordinances of the Town of Elkton, Virginia, relating to taxes, licenses, fees, service charges, costs and other charges and all ordinances relating to the time of payment thereof and collection thereof, except as herein specifically modified.

CLOSED SESSION

Council member Fulginiti moved, seconded by Vice-Mayor Workman, and carried that Council go from Regular Session into Closed Session 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."

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Workman, R. Michael, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

OPEN SESSION/MOTION TO CERTIFY CLOSED MEETING

Council member Heidel moved, seconded Council member Michael, 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: R. Workman, J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Michael, A. Napotnik, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Motion to Adjourn

Council member Fulginiti moved, seconded by Council member Heidel, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

YEAS: R. Workman, J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Michael, A. Napotnik, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Mayor: 
Joshua J. Gooden

Recorder: 
Denise R. Monger, Clerk