

CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2007
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 PM in the council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Nancy Atkinson, Dale Henson, Jeff Schreiver, Chris Link, David MacMillan, Mark Steffen and Ray Spears. Also in attendance was City Attorney Linda Schaeffer for Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. MacMillan added discussion of Dudley Road hill as item #11 under Unfinished Business; Mr. Steffen added naming of the new park that is located next to the city building item #24 under New Business; and Mayor Link added announcement #47 Caucus Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – **January 15, 2007 Meeting Minutes** - Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to adopt the January 15, 2007 meeting minutes as written; seconded by Mr. MacMillan. Mr. Spears and Mr. Steffen abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 2 abstentions.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Swearing in of Fire Chief Rob Dreyer – Mayor Link swore in Rob Dreyer as Fire Chief. Position to be effective at their business meeting on February 14, 2007.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link introduced Paul Darpel, Edgewood's representative for the Area Planning Commission. Mr. Darpel was recognized by the Commission for his attendance at their meetings. Mr. Darpel wanted to introduce himself to those councilmember's who weren't on council when he was appointed. He stated that the comprehensive plan has been updated which is done every five years. The commission will be discussing the Dixie Fix study soon. He enjoys serving on the commission and enjoys living in Edgewood.

Mayor Link reported that he attended the Municipal Government League meeting on January 18th as well as the Mayor's Group meeting on January 27th. They discussed taxation, the increasing rates for CERS and storm water issues.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Rolfes was notified that Burr Oak and Royal Oak do not have any storm sewers thus any catch basins. These two streets are scheduled for asphalt overlay this year. We then received \$125,000 from the State, which gave us enough money to replace the streets with concrete. With no catch basins the water then flows down the street causing problems for residents at the end of the streets. Hank Fedders, city engineer, said that if we were to add storm sewers to the project it would be about \$125,000-130,000. This project would qualify for the Sanitation District's matching program dropping our cost to \$65,000. We still haven't reallocated the original \$38,000 budgeted for the asphalt overlay and if we put that in towards the project we're looking at needing \$26,800 to complete this project. Mr. Rolfes asked council for their concurrence to spend the additional \$26,800. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to proceed with approval of engineering costs to put storm sewers on Burr Oak and Royal Oak streets; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.** Mr. Henson asked if there were other streets in this condition. Mr. Rolfes said there are and we've been trying to add the storm sewers in areas as we've redone the streets.

Staff Reports – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire/EMS, General Services, Police, and Recreation. Mr. Spears commended Joe Messmer for staying on the fire department as an engineer. Mr. Spears asked Mr. Rolfes what changes are being pursued in the process for appointing the fire chief. Mr. Rolfes said we have asked the company that does the codification of our ordinances to make it clear that council must confirm the position but the process would remain the same. Mr. Spears said the process didn't run very smoothly recently. It should be very clear and upfront. The appointment should be like any other department, which was the intention of council back in 1997 when they made the change. Mr. Rolfes said normally when the city is hiring someone we could bring back more than one name and say here's the person we're going to recommend. With the fire department it's a process that emanates from the volunteers making the choice; it's not someone we're hiring and we would never want to take them out of the loop. Mr. Spears said he wasn't suggesting taking the volunteers out of it. The vote is done in December and the person would take office in January. Mr. Henson said we'll always have a timing issue if council has to confirm them by their business meeting in January, which is the second Wednesday of the month, and we usually cancel the last council meeting in December due to the holiday. So that would just give one council meeting to do that. Mr. Rolfes said realistically if the membership elects someone and the Mayor agrees to appoint them, unless the Mayor is not firm on his appointment, then it's either approval or non-approval. Council cannot appoint someone else. Mr. Spears said what if council does not want to appoint that person, then what? He said the process needs to be spelled out and known to all parties. Mr. Steffen asked about elongating the process a little bit. Mr. Rolfes said what if it's a requirement that the city administrator must advise the council the outcome of the vote of confidence which is held in November and then we'll go from there. Council agreed to that. The fire department is updating their bylaws and Mr. Rolfes will recommend that they state that requirement in them.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gazebo update – Mr. Rolfes stated the roof trusses were installed over the weekend. Mr. Rigsby's deadline is March 1st so hopefully the weather will allow him to complete it on time. A green/black/grey combination colored shingle roof was chosen.

Dudley Road Hill – Mr. MacMillan said two years ago we discussed the hill and the reflectors on the hill. It was discussed with the engineer that drainage is needed. He said there are huge drop offs off the edge of the asphalt. We keep having accidents on the hill and he asked if there is anything that can be done to fix the sides of the road and install the reflectors in the center of the road. Mr. Rolfes said we've been working on it but it's going to cost over \$1M to repair it and we don't have the funds to do it. Mr. MacMillan said there is a couple of areas going up Dudley where the ground is much deeper than the road and he asked if we could put something there to fill it in. Mr. Rolfes said we'd look and see what we can do and what it may do to our liability. Mr. MacMillan stated that Mr. Grady had asked in December for painted broken lines to be put down through the Charter Oak intersection and asked if it's going to be done. Mr. Rolfes said it could be done next year when we repaint streets.

NEW BUSINESS

Cancel February 19th meeting due to President's Day holiday – Mr. Spears made a **motion** to cancel the February 19th council meeting; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Approval of emergency purchase, warning light for #164, from Summit Fire Apparatus at a cost of \$39.75 – Mr. Spears made a **motion** to approve the purchase of one Whelan red halogen warning light for #164 from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$39.75 because the item purchased is in the best interest of the public, and the city due to supply; second by Mr. MacMillan. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Approval to purchase various miscellaneous items for building not to exceed \$20,000 – Mr. Rolfes explained that last year we put money in the budget for items that would be related to the building this year as they would materialize. There are four items that we would like to purchase. They are a projector and screen for the council room, rear projector for the training room, a handicap button on the front door, and funds for public works to covert half of the elevator room

to a storage room for building materials. Estimate for these items is \$20,000. Mr. Spears asked how much is projected for the projector and screen for the council room. Mr. Rolfes said about \$5,000 for the projector and \$2,000 for the screen. Mr. Spears isn't sure if that equipment is necessary. Mr. Schreiber said it would be nice to have; we haven't had any use for it yet but we may for engineering drawings. Mr. Rolfes said it would tie into the cable tv so that people watching could view it directly from the TV rather than from the projection screen. Mr. Steffen asked if there would be any other use for it other than for council meetings. Mr. Rolfes said there could be but primarily it would be for council. Mr. MacMillan asked if an LCD projector would work. Mr. Rolfes said we'll look at the best deal we can get we don't have a particular model in mind. Mr. Spears asked about getting a portable unit. Mr. Rolfes said there are portable units but the idea of having it ceiling mounted means that everything is already in place and hooked up. Mrs. Atkinson said it would be nice to have the equipment especially with Doug Armbruster's development and Dixie Fix study coming up and we'll probably be viewing drawings. Mr. Spears said he just wondered how necessary it would be. Mr. Henson said to make sure that it ties into the cable tv equipment. Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to approve the purchase of various miscellaneous items for the city building not to exceed \$20,000; second by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Police Chaplain Program – Chief Kramer stated that he has been interested in starting such a program for a while then an ordained minister to volunteer in that capacity approached him. The program would offer many things such as being very helpful to the police department in many capacities, counsel peace officers, make death notifications and so on. There would be very little expense for travel expenses for training in Richmond and purchases of hats, shirts, badges, and ID cards. Council concurred to proceed with the program.

Naming of the new park that is located next to the city building – Mr. Steffen said after the loss of Mr. Grady last month he and other council members were discussing ways to honor and memorializing him. The idea was to name the new park next door in honor of Mr. Grady. Mr. Steffen said Mr. Grady was a citizen of Edgewood before it became Edgewood and he was dedicated to keeping Edgewood green and it would seem appropriate to name the park after him. Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to name the park that's being built next to the city building "Bill Grady Park"; second by Mr. MacMillan. Mayor Link said he's in favor of it but with the Boy Scouts working on the project he's not sure if they have already come up with something. He said we could also consider the trail at Freedom Park. Mrs. Atkinson said at the last meeting Adam Rigsby's father suggested naming the park after Mr. Grady. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.** Mr. Rolfes suggested having a dedication ceremony in the spring; council agreed.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Municipal Order 2007-02 - Confirming the Appointments of the Board of Adjustments and Board of Appeals – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt municipal order 2007-02; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Executive Order 2007-03 adopting accident policy
- Baseball field requests are due by February 15th; contact Kim Wolking.
- Edgewood Night at Town and Country, Saturday February 17th from 6-9 p.m. Play for free but must show proof of residency at the door.
- Free roller-skating at Independence Skateway on Sunday February 18th from 7-9 p.m. must show proof of residency at the door.
- Edgewood Day at Sports of All Sorts is Monday February 19th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (limited to the first 100 residents & must show proof of residency).
- Free Ice Skating at the N. KY. Ice Center on Sunday February 25th from 3-4:30 p.m. must show proof of residency at the door.
- The Fire Department will be holding their annual Fish Fry during the Lenten season starting February 23rd from 5-8 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Legislative Caucus Meeting will be held February 24 from 10 am to noon at the Erlanger City Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor John D. Link

Attest: _____
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: _____