

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 16, 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 Schreiber, Chris Link, David MacMillan, and Mark Steffen. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. Ray Spears was absent.

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – No changes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 2, 2007 Meeting Minutes - Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to adopt the April 2, 2007 meeting minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays**

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation 2007-01 recognition of Dr. George Renaker** – Mayor Link read the proclamation and presented it to Mrs. Atkinson who will present it to Dr. Renaker.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Link thanked those council members who attended Congressman Davis' Newly Elected Officials seminar that was held at the Senior Center. Ryland Heights is having a grand opening of their Wilderness Trails on May 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at Bowman Field for anyone who would like to attend. U.S. Coast Auxiliary recently used our training room for their classes. They sent the Mayor a thank you letter for allowing them to use the room. Mayor Link thanked the Schreiber family for their assistance with the Amazing Race event.

**Administrator's Report** – Mr. Rolfes stated there was a major calculation error for United Parcel Service's occupational license and payroll tax. They are now requesting a refund from all cities. Our cost is about \$3900. We are looking into and we're requesting proof that all prior taxes has been paid and we're just making sure that nothing's been overlooked before any refund is made. Mr. Henson asked about an approval process before refunding. Mr. Rolfes said the county planned on deducting the refund from our next check but Mr. Rolfes advised them that we needed to look into it further before doing anything. Mr. Henson asked how far they are going back; we don't know. Mr. Wichmann doesn't recall anything being in the ordinance in regards to refunds. Mr. Wichmann recommended that the city send a letter to the county advising them that they cannot take the refund out of our next check. He stated if the city is going to refund it then the city will send the check. Mr. Henson said if there isn't any provision in the ordinance for refunds then we should re-visit it. Mr. Wichmann will review the ordinance. Mr. Schreiber asked for proof that the money was paid. Mr. Rolfes said we do receive quarterly reports and we'll review those. Mr. Henson asked for the issue to stay on the agenda until it's resolved.

## CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Gazebo update** – Council received a rendering of the monument that will be placed at Bill Grady Park and Mr. Rolfes asked council for their comments. Mr. Steffen said it looks great just have the family approve it. There was discussion regarding the date for the dedication of Bill Grady Park. It was agreed to have it sometime Memorial Day weekend; the city will confirm with the family.

Mr. Goetz has drawn the landscaping plan. We were hoping to connect the electric with the box that is located along the driveway but the electricians said it wouldn't work. Now we have to run a line back to the city building; which will cost approximately \$1,500. Hope to have the lights on this week; council will be notified so that they can give their opinion on the appearance. Mr. Schreiver asked about using solar lighting. Mr. Rolfes said it would work for the lights along the steps but they wouldn't work for the indirect light that is going inside under the roof. Mr. Rigsby has turned in the wording for the interior plaque; which has been ordered.

**Dudley Road – Tupman Lane intersection** – The city is looking into rectifying the traffic situation at this intersection during school drop off times in the mornings. Mr. Rolfes said the city spoke to someone who may be able to install the lights for us. That gentleman suggested putting a loop in on Dudley and put it back by the second telephone pole on Tupman. The loop could be installed in such a way that it wouldn't activate the turn arrow on the light unless there was traffic standing back that far, if someone just ran over it it wouldn't do anything. During those times when the traffic is backed up it would activate the light and let the protected turn traffic go in and during the rest of the time it won't become a factor. General Services could probably put the loop in for \$600-800 and with the installation of the light it may cost a total of \$3000-4000. Mr. Schreiver said he's not sure that will solve the problem. He drove through the intersection three times at 8:15 a.m. and when he looked down at the school in their lot there was only room for one or two more cars to pull in the lot and as he continued on Dudley the cars were about 8 or 9 cars deep. He said the problem is that there is nowhere for the cars to go in the lot and he doesn't want to spend the money if it's not going to work. Mr. Rolfes said the school is aware of that situation and they are addressing it. Mr. Schreiver said he would like to see the school figure it out on their end before the city spends any money. Mr. Henson agreed with Mr. Schreiver and wants to wait for Hinsdale to expand their lot. Mrs. Atkinson thinks the cars stack up because they don't have a protected turn arrow. Mr. MacMillan asked Mr. Steffen if he spoke with the principal. Mr. Steffen said they did talk about those issues along with Mr. Rolfes who suggested they talk to an engineer and see if they can change how they're sending people through there. Mr. Steffen said they're talking about bringing in an access from South Loop. Mr. Steffen disagreed that this isn't a good short-term solution for a relatively low cost. He thinks the city should go ahead and spend the money and watch it for the month of May and see if it helps. Chief Kramer said there are multiple problems not only with the light but also with the lot. He thinks that having the turn arrow will give us more options on the short-term.

Mr. MacMillan asked if the city should have a left turn arrow for westbound Dudley to alleviate left turns into Charter Oak. Chief Kramer said it's not as big a problem as it is eastbound. There's more sight distance for westbound and they know at specific times when protection is needed for eastbound but they don't for westbound. Mr. Steffen said the principal is going to try to remind the parents to car pool and remind them about the drop off times and encourage them to use the buses when they can. Mr. Link asked if there is a specific time frame that the kids can be dropped off. Mrs. Atkinson said the kids cannot arrive at school before 8:10 a.m. Between 8:10 and 8:30 is when it backs up. Mr. Link asked why couldn't the time be extended. Mrs. Atkinson said there isn't enough staff at the school to care for the kids. Mr. Schreiber asked Mr. Steffen if he brought that up with the principal. Mr. Steffen said he did and he'd discuss it with her again. They focused more on the long-term solution. Mrs. Atkinson said it is beneficial to have a protected turn. Mr. MacMillan asked about making the westbound Dudley traffic no right turn on red. Chief Kramer said it wouldn't be a bad idea if we could get adequate signage. Mr. Henson said he is willing to spend the money once the parking lot issue is resolved. He suggested putting in the protected turn at the same time the school puts in the parking lot. Mr. Schreiber said perhaps the school should open the drop off time to help alleviate the backups. Mr. Schreiber disagreed with the no right turn on red idea stating that it'll just stack up traffic in that direction when the parking lot is still the issue. Mr. Steffen believes the turn arrow could help the situation and would like to have it installed. Mr. Henson said he is not willing to spend the money for a solution that might work. Mrs. Atkinson said she would sit there and count cars. Mayor Link asked Chief Kramer if he could have someone monitor the traffic backup for a couple of days; Chief Kramer said he would. More information will be obtained and discussed further at the next meeting.

Mr. Rolfes stated that the city has received replacement lights for the intersection of Madonna and Dudley and asked if council had any objections in replacing those. The only cost will be installation. No one objected. Mr. Henson suggested changing the programming for the Madonna light. When vehicles turn right onto Dudley from Madonna it automatically trips the light and makes it cycle all the way through when it's not always necessary to cycle for all directions.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Website links for Edgewood businesses** – Mr. Rolfes stated that the city has received requests from businesses wanting to put their link to their website on the city's website. Mr. Rolfes suggested that the city allow it for Edgewood businesses or Edgewood residents that own a business; council concurred.

### ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

**Ordinance 2007-04-01 – Codification of 2006 ordinances – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading** – Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, KENTUCKY. Mr. MacMillan made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2007-04-01; second by Mrs. Atkinson. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Pavers are available for purchase for \$35 for the Bill Grady Park. Contact the city building for information.
- Perennial Swap will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Freedom Park.
- Mayor's Group Meeting at the Erlanger city building on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m.

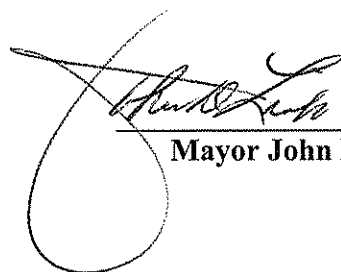
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. MacMillan made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.; second by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest:

  
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Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: 5/7/07



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Mayor John D. Link