

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
July 2, 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, Chris Link, David MacMillan, Mark Steffen and Ray Spears. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes, and Sr. Deputy Clerk Mary Jane Lucas. Jeff Schreiber was absent.

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - June 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Spears made a **motion** to adopt the June 18, 2007 meeting minutes as written; second by Mr. Link.

**Motion passed: 3 ayes – 3 abstentions.** Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Henson, and Mr. Steffen abstained

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS** -

**Mayor's Report** – none

**Administrator's Report** – Mr. Rolfes reported the following:

The Federal District 6 Court of Appeals decision will impact our ordinance that prohibits cars from being on streets with "For Sale" signs. He stated there is a problem on Turkeyfoot and he is in contact with the schools to try to discourage that type of activity by putting up No Parking signs-violators will be towed at own expense.

Mr. Rolfes advised Council that the Census Estimate (a midterm estimate) of 8,869 reported that 12 or less homes were taken down since 2000, 24 to 36 were constructed, and a net loss of 531 people, which seems incorrect. He stated that the actual census, published in a few years, would appear more accurate. Mr. Henson asked what kind of impact it would have on the city as far as any kind of federal or state dollars. Mr. Rolfes replied that it impacts us slightly on some organizations that have assessments or dues based on per capita but the biggest impact, 500 people out of 9400, is a respectable percentage and statewide it could impact representation in the House.

**Staff Reports** – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire/EMS, General Services, Police, and Recreation. Mr. Steffen asked if there was an update on the Brookwood slide. Stan advised the report was back and there would be major work done on it. Mr. Rolfes stated that, according Mr. Fedders, City Engineer, and Thelen, they

are working on how to put concrete piers along the edge of the road. The biggest problem is what to do with the drainage that was going into the catch basin; that could add to the cost. Stan Goetz reported the 2007-2008 Street Repair is ready to go out for bid. Bids were due Friday for the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project. Mr. Rolfes reported the Brookwood Circle would be passable on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Electronic sign** - Mayor Link stated he was leaning toward the high resolution for clarity and visibility. Mr. Rolfes explained the difference between the high and low definition and the benefits of the electronic sign: It would be solid color (amber, one of two choices); the clarity, "if high", would be sufficient to identify a person (e.g. Amber Alert); more efficient in use of time, more flexible & more functional; the sign is wireless so in a snow emergency, it could be accessed from a remote location such as a laptop at home and times could be set on messages; it holds up to 99 different messages, some can be seasonal and left there ( manual signs have a much longer delay in getting the message up; the sign could be installed within 6 weeks; both styles of signs are modular, have a 2-year warranty, 10 message lines, and a photo cell. A new Area Planning ordinance will allow for these types of signs (even though we are exempt).

Mr. Rolfes further stated that the two columns that hold the sign are in addition to the cost of the sign itself but the materials and labor necessary are still under our estimate for the project. Mr. Henson inquired about the kind of columns we were considering; Mr. Rolfes said the columns would be brick, similar to the ones at the Senior Center, and columns would also be constructed in Presidents Park for our existing sign.

Mr. Rolfes explained that the last time we went out for bid; they were rejected.

Mr. Henson asked if the high or low resolution could be chosen for either of the two signs (4x7 or 4x9). Mr. Rolfes would check. Mr. Steffen agreed with Mr. Henson that the sign needed improvement and the electronic sign would be more functional. Mr. Rolfes responded to Mr. Henson that the \$40,000 budgeted is part of the \$280,000 that was originally included in the General Services CIP and would be encumbered and carried over into the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Mr. Spears stated he was opposed to the sign for the following reasons: the cost (\$35,000 to \$40,000); we overestimated the benefits for proper driving & reading the information; it looks tacky and detracts, not adds, from a facility such as ours. He suggested using a more traditional

type of sign, and more information could go out on the website and in the newsletter. He said the \$40,000 was an elective expense and not a requirement and he was against the electronic sign. Mr. Steffen stated his preference for red instead of the amber color but he reads the sign in front of Dixie Heights High School and feels the electronic sign would be easier to put up information, have more utility, and be more attractive. Mr. Henson inquired if there is a more traditional electronic sign. Mr. Rolfes said all LED signs are pretty much the same and one of the benefits is maintenance; one foot squares are plugged in and can easily be replaced. Mr. MacMillan asked if the resolution could be upgraded at a later date; Mr. Rolfes did not believe so and it would probably be more expensive. Mr. Henson questioned the 2 year warranty and the sign's life expectancy. Mr. Rolfes said it was probably 10 plus years and explained why there was so little that could go wrong with it. Mr. Rolfes added that the definition was the biggest thing; the smaller sign is used when the sign is further away from the target audience and why, as close as we are to the road, we need the high resolution.

Discussion was held concerning the number of messages, turn over (8 seconds), and clarity. Mr. Rolfes said the theory is that passersby would catch one or two each time they pass. Mayor Link said we would slow it down so it could be read. Nancy Atkinson questioned the differences in messages on the park signs. Mayor Link said the park signs would be functional primarily for the parks. Nancy Atkinson said she did not see a huge difference in resolutions and did not necessarily need the higher resolution to accomplish what we want to accomplish. We would also save \$7,000.

Mr. Steffen asked what it would cost to build the post. Mr. Rolfes said it would be around \$2,000 for each set.

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to accept the bid from Wacky Signs for the low resolution 4 x7 ft. sign; second by Nancy Atkinson. Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Henson, and Mr. Steffen voted aye; Mr. Link, Mr. MacMillan, and Mr. Spears voted nay. Mayor Link broke the tie with an aye. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 3 nays.**

**Cancel the August 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting due to annual NKADD awards banquet.**

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to cancel the August 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

## **ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance 2007-06-03 amending Ordinance 1982-4 allowing a total of 13 police officers in the Police Department – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.** Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, IN REGARD TO THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS EXPLAINED, IT INCREASED THE NUMBER FROM 11 TO 13. Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to adopt Ordinance 2007-06-03. Second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**Municipal Order 2007-04 – Appointing Chris Amon as Fire Chief of the Edgewood Fire/EMS Department** – Nancy Atkinson made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order 2007-04 appointing Chris Amon as Fire Chief for the Edgewood Fire/EMS Department. Second by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

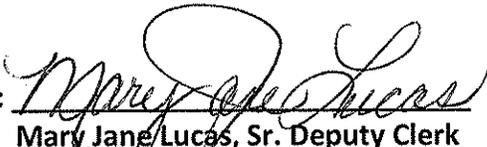
Mayor Link congratulated and expressed his appreciation to Chief Amon for “stepping up to bat” and stated that he got the consensus of all those on the membership and thanked the membership for their confidence in Chris.

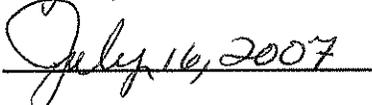
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

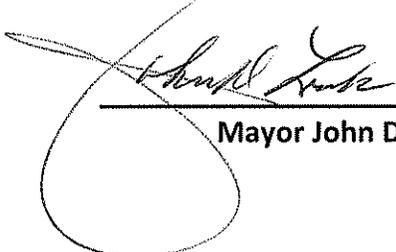
- Executive Order 2007-04 was issued appointing Chris Amon as acting Fire Chief.
- Executive Order 2007-05 was issued appointing Chris Amon as Fire Chief.
- Tuesday Evening Concert Series presents Swingtime Big Band on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Presidents Park and Kyle Ryan as Elvis on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Activities: 5k Race at 8:00 a.m.; Parade begins at 9:30 a.m.; Concert will be at 7 p.m. at Freedom Park and the fireworks will be at dusk also at Freedom Park. There will also be volleyball and softball tournaments but you must be pre-registered.
- NKADD annual awards banquet will be held on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Receptions. Reservations are due to Jeanette by August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Governor Fletcher was invited to participate in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.
- Municipal Government League Summer Picnic will be on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05p.m. Reservations must be in by July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Spears made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest:   
Mary Jane Lucas, Sr. Deputy Clerk

Date passed: 

  
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Mayor John D. Link