

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 6, 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: Ray Spears, Dale Henson, Jeff Schreiver, David MacMillan, and Chris Link. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. Nancy Atkinson and Mark Steffen were absent.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Rolfes deleted item #10 Authorization to pay UPS. The issue has been settled and the city doesn't owe anything.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Schreiver made a **motion** to adopt the July 16, 2007 meeting minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Spears. Mr. MacMillan abstained. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation 2007-03 recognizing Eagle Scout Adam Rigsby – Mayor Link read and presented the proclamation to Adam Rigsby. Adam thanked city council for allowing him to do his Eagle Scout project.

Dixie Fix Project – Keith Logsdon with the N. Ky. Area Planning Commission and Larry Klein, Ft. Wright City Administrator and vice-chair for the Dixie Fix committee were present. Mr. Logsdon gave an update and overview of the Dixie Fix Project since his last visit a couple of years ago. The plan is to improve areas along the eight mile stretch of Dixie Highway from Florence to Covington. Mr. Logsdon asked the city to adopt the plan as it pertains to the City of Edgewood and asked that council give the Mayor authorization to sign the Memorandum of Understanding that will hopefully be signed by every city along the corridor and then will be sent to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for their signature. There were over 140 recommendations for improvements to be made along Dixie Highway.

Mr. Klein reiterated Mr. Logsdon's comments and further stated that there isn't any money to fund any of these projects but many of these projects will occur naturally as redevelopment occurs or as the State comes in to do certain improvement projects or opportunities arise such as ISTEA or CMAC grants. The emphasis is on redevelopment. The governor recently awarded funding to some of these projects. One included a sidewalk on Dixie from Dudley to the Crestview Hills Town Center. One project that did not get funded was the turn lane for Dudley Road; they'll try harder next time or try another avenue.

Mr. MacMillan asked for a description of the projects for Edgewood. Mr. Logsdon said the major one is a right turn lane from northbound Dixie to Dudley. They also looked at realignment for the road coming out of Dixie High School, Summit Drive, as well as additional left turn lanes coming off of Dudley onto Dixie. Other small projects include

putting in an island at the entrance to Fifth Third Bank to prevent left turns into the bank and left turns out of the bank. Connect the Kmart parking lot to the lot of the old water district and restricting left hand turns in and out. Also, at Edgewood Road by the dry cleaners and Subway, closing off the open curb cut somewhat.

Mr. Schreiver made a **motion** to give authorization for Mayor Link to sign the Memorandum of Understanding; second by Mr. MacMillan. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link thanked Adam Rigsby for inviting him and Mr. Rolfes to his Eagle Scout celebration. Another Scout, Ben Schieman, is working towards his Eagle Scout rank and is working on a project at Freedom Park. Mayor Link also recognized and congratulated the police department for achieving the accredited status by the Kentucky Association of Police Chiefs. The family campout was a success even though it was hot. Mr. Rolfes also congratulated the police department.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Schreiver asked about the status of the Brookwood Drive slippage problem. Mr. Rolfes said we have a major slippage problem there and we had to bring in a geo technical engineer to determine what had to be done to stabilize the hill. The original estimates were about \$160,000 for stabilizing the hill. The engineer's estimate was \$200,000 to replace that section of the street. One of the problems is that there aren't many contractors that do that type of work. We may consult with District 6 because they have experience at stabilizing roads and see if there is anything available on the State contract. The hillside has to be stabilized and the drainage has to be properly directed. The long term plan for Brookwood is to put in concrete curbs and gutters and an asphalt street. Mr. Schreiver said to keep in mind that we want to put in sidewalks along Brookwood.

Staff Reports – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire/EMS, General Services, Police, and Recreation.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – **Cancel the September 3rd council meeting due to the Labor Day holiday** – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to cancel the September 3rd meeting; second by Mr. MacMillan. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Schedule special meetings for adoption of the property tax rate – discussion was held regarding the tax rate. Mr. Henson said he would be willing to adopt the compensating rate plus 4% as long as we earmark the extra money to go towards the debt reduction. Mr. Schreiver asked Mr. Rolfes if he was able to find out about the park bond; Mr. Rolfes has not but he will. Mr. Rolfes said a sinking fund will be established and he also recommended that any surplus cash from the end of the year would also go into the sinking fund. Mr. Schreiver said he would also like to know the numbers for the city building bond. Mr. Rolfes said about \$4M but he'll obtain exact figures. Mr. Henson asked for the interest rate on the park bond as well. Mr. Schreiver said it seems that we're taking in a lot more money than we need according to the treasurer's report that he was reviewing. Mr. Rolfes said they're not final numbers. But the way our revenues come in, we just finished collecting property taxes, some of that money that we have is

money that we have budgeted for the current year. So, you can't take that total and believe that's what we have; you have to make some allowance for the money we're going to need to operate on in the coming year. Mr. Spears asked for an analysis of the fund balance. That will help him decide on which tax rate he'll vote for. Mr. Spears also asked for a list of unknown expenses that we may encounter down the road such as the items in the long range plan. Mr. Rolfes will obtain the information requested.

Special meetings were scheduled for Tuesday, August 21st and Monday, August 27th. Council requested two ordinances to be drafted. One should contain the current year's rate of \$0.256 and the other ordinance should contain the proposed rate of \$0.265.

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to schedule special meetings for August 21st and August 27th for adoption of the property tax rate; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Approval of the by-laws for the Edgewood Fire/EMS Association as it applies to recommending a Chief – Mr. Schreiver made a **motion** to adopt the Edgewood Fire/EMS Association by-laws; second by Mr. MacMillan. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2007-03 opposing HR 980 – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt resolution 2007-03; second by Mr. Spears. Mr. MacMillan asked that a copy be sent to Geoff Davis. Mr. Rolfes has been talking with his staff and made them aware of our stance on this issue. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Resolution 2007-04 amending the ICMA pension plan – Mr. Schreiver made a **motion** to adopt resolution 2007-04; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NKADD annual awards banquet will be held on Monday, August 20th at 6 p.m. at Receptions. Reservations are due to Jeanette by August 10th.
- Tuesday Evening Concert Series presents the Florence Community Band on August 7th at 7 p.m. in Presidents Park, and "Six Pac" on August 14th and the Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra on August 21st.
- National Night Out – Wednesday August 8th from 6 – 9 p.m. at Freedom Park.
- Mayor's Golf Outing is Friday August 17th at 11 a.m. at Twin Oaks. Contact Kim for registration.
- Shakespeare in the Park "Taming of the Shrew" will be Sunday, August 26th at 7 p.m. at Presidents Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; second by Mr. Link. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: Jeanette Kemper
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

John D. Link
Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 9/17/07