

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 3, 2008

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Link added an announcement regarding an OKI meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 4, 2008 Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Atkinson made a motion to adopt the February 4, 2008 meeting minutes as written; second by Mr. MacMillan. Mr. Henson abstained. **Motion passed: 3 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link stated that he and Mr. Rolfes attended the Night Out in Frankfort as well as visited legislators earlier that day asking for support for the Dudley Road grant that the city is trying to obtain funding for. Mayor Link thanked the public works department for a job well done clearing our streets during the recent snow/ice storms. Public works is also going through the city filling pot holes.

Peter Lafaiivre – Assistant Superintendent Kenton County Board of Education – Mr. Lafaiivre was in attendance asking council for an additional school resource officer (SRO). He thanked the city for providing Terry Chinn's services to the five schools located in Edgewood. He provided some statistics that showed the number of students and employees, approximately 4270, that are in the five schools but only one SRO services those five schools. The other two high schools and two middle schools in the county have one full time SRO per school. Mr. Lafaiivre stated that the number of students, employees, and number of campuses that Officer Chinn travels to is quite something and his services are much needed but it's a lot for one officer; another officer is really needed. He would like to enter into a further agreement with the city, if the city's budget could afford it, and obtain another SRO. Mr. Schreiber asked who was paying for the other SRO's in the county. Mr. Lafaiivre said it's combined. The amount of money that they are contributing to Edgewood is exactly the amount that they are contributing to each of the other SRO's. The remainder of those funds is paid for by the city of Independence and Kenton County. Mr. Schreiber asked if they were going to be able to put up another \$20,000 for another SRO. Mr. Lafaiivre said they don't know yet due to state funds being cut; their looking at a net reduction of \$2M. Mr. Schreiber asked what percentage of students at Dixie and Turkeyfoot are Edgewood residents. Mr. Lafaiivre didn't know the exact percentage but the majority is from Edgewood. Others are from Villa Hills, Parks Hills, and Crescent Springs. Villa Hills is funding an SRO for River Ridge Elementary. Mr. Schreiber asked if there is a comparison of truancy rates, crime rates to compare Dixie to Simon Kenton or to Scott, where they each have their own officer. Mr. Lafaiivre thinks it's comparable. Mr. MacMillan asked if they have spoken to

Erlanger about any assistance since part of Dixie's campus lies in Erlanger. Mr. Lafaivre said they have not spoken to them; they could talk to them if he worked with Chief Kramer on it, it's just something they haven't done because Edgewood does all of their work. Mr. MacMillan asked why a security guard couldn't be hired. Chief Kramer said they are non-sworn officers who cannot take immediate action in certain situations because of state law; there is no advantage for having a security guard. Mrs. Atkinson asked about how the SRO obtains training. Mr. Lafaivre stated that they have their own sworn police captain who leads all the SRO's along with the local police chiefs. He arranges the training for the SRO's. Mr. MacMillan asked Chief Kramer if this person would be able to multi-task or would they be a dedicated SRO. Chief Kramer said, to keep costs down, this person would be on a contract basis to work only during the school year and an additional 40 hours in the summertime to obtain their annual training. Certain benefits would have to be paid such as CERS; but not health insurance. Mr. Schreiver said he would like to see more information on crime rates, truancy rates and a comparison to the other high schools, as well as the percentage of students from each city that attend Dixie. Mr. Schreiver said if we really need it then he is okay with it but feels other cities should contribute as well. Chief Kramer and Mr. Lafaivre said they would be willing to talk to other entities. Mrs. Atkinson said it's unbelievable that Officer Chinn has been able to cover this many schools for as long as he has and she felt there is a need for another SRO. Mr. Lafaivre and Chief Kramer will obtain information and bring it back to a future meeting.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Rolfes said additional information was distributed to council this evening that was not on the agenda. He asked council to review it for future discussion. He advised council that there will be more to come such as personnel policies and sign ordinance regulations along with the budget.

Staff Reports – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire/EMS, General Services, Police, and Recreation. Mr. Henson asked if the new dispatch system was working out. Both Chief Amon and Chief Kramer stated they are progressing; there were issues but they are being corrected.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – **New Pay Plan** – Mr. Rolfes revised the ordinance to reflect the new pay plan and it was distributed to council and Mr. Wichmann in their packets for review.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – **Ordinance 2008-03-01 implementing 911 fee on land lines** – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY, AND IMPOSING A MONTHLY SUBSCRIBER SERVICE CHARGE OF \$2.76 TO PAY THE COSTS AND EXPENSES THEREOF. Mr. Rolfes stated that this does not change the fee that people are paying. It just changes hands from the County to City of Erlanger.


Resolution 2008-04 opposing collective bargaining – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt resolution 2008-04; second by Mr. Schreiver. **Motion passed 4 ayes – 0 nays.**

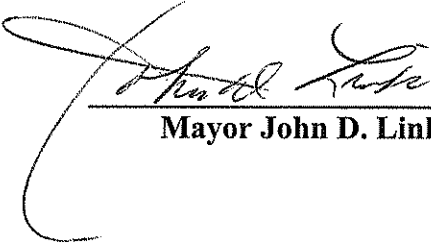
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Edgewood Fire Department Fish Fry runs every Friday from February 8th to March 21st from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mystery Dinner “The U got Talent Murders” will be held on March 8; cost is \$25 per person; reservations are due March 1st.
- Senior Expo is March 13 from 2 pm – 4 pm at the Senior Center.
- Easter Egg Hunt for ages 3-8 is March 22nd at 2 pm at Presidents Park.
- Free vision screening will be held at the Senior Center on March 18th at 10 a.m. All are welcome.
- OKI meeting will be March 19th from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Crestview Hills city building.
- MGLNK meeting will be March 20th at 6 pm at the Crestview Hills city building.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MacMillan made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: 
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk
 Date passed: 3/17/08


Mayor John D. Link