

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 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, Dale Henson, Chris Link, David MacMillan, and Jeff Schreiber. Also in attendance were City Administrator Roger Rolfes, City Attorney Frank Wichmann, and Senior Deputy Clerk Mary Jane Lucas. Mark Steffen and Ray Spears were absent.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Link opened the public hearing to council and the public for their comments on the adoption of 2008-2009 Property Tax Rate at \$0.240 per \$100.00. No faxes or phone calls had been received. Mr. Norbert Meyer, 3118 Locust Hollow Lane, Edgewood, addressed the council in support of the tax rate. He said all the city departments were 1st class and he would like to keep it that way.

Mayor Link closed the Public Hearing

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 11, 2008 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Henson made a motion to adopt the August 11, 2008 meeting minutes as written; second by Mrs. Atkinson. Mr. Link and Mr. Schreiber abstained. **Motion passed: 3 ayes – 2 abstentions.**

ORDINANCE 2008-08-12 Setting the 2008/2009 Property Tax Rate at \$0.240 per \$100 – 1st Reading

Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, THAT IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR CITY PURPOSES, BY THE USE OF THE ANNUAL COUNTY ASSESSMENT THEREOF BY THE PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR OF KENTON COUNTY; AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH BEGINS JULY 1, 2008, AT THE RATE OF \$0.240 DOLLARS FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS OF THE VALUATION THEREOF SO ASSESSED; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES, AND PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; AND DESCRIBING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH TAXES SO COLLECTED SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND USED.

Mr. Henson stated for the record that this tax rate is lowering 1.6 from the previous tax rate.

ORDINANCE 2008-08-13 Setting the garbage collection fee at \$191.88 per year per Rumpke contract – 1st Reading

Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, INCREASING THE ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT AND FEE FROM \$182.76 TO \$191.88.

Mayor Link reminded council that this is a contractual agreement with Rumpke and this fee is reflecting the 5% increase on an annual basis. Mr. Rolfes said there would be annual extensions through 2010/2011; he read the rates for these years. These are option years and council can either adopt the rate or go out for bid.

ORDINANCE 2008-08-11 Adopt the Fire Code – 2nd Reading

Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, RELATED TO FIRE SAFETY BY : (1) INCLUDING IN THE AUTHORITY, POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYMENT POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF, FIREFIGHTER/EMT – FIRE INSPECTOR, THOSE OF A CITATION OFFICER; AND (2) MAKING BOTH; (a) THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF THE 2006 EDITION OF THE NFPA 1 UNIFORM FIRE CODE; AND (b) THE KENTUCKY STANDARDS OF SAFETY (FIRE PREVENTION CODE) A PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORDS OF THE CITY, AND ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS THEREOF BY REFERENCE. Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2008-08-11; second by Mr. MacMillan. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCE 2008-08-14 Permit for extraordinary use or access to public way – 1st Reading

Mr. Wichmann read the Ordinance – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR ANY ACTIVITY WITHIN OR THE USE OF ANY PUBLIC WAY IN THE CITY BEYOND THAT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO USE OF THAT PUBLIC WAY.

Mr. Rolfes commented that this is a two-fold ordinance that addresses the issue of people temporarily storing construction materials, dumpsters, or whatever on the street; it also requires the permit before they can cut into the street or right-of-ways. Mr. Wichmann said the exception would be for those with franchises to use the city right-of-way.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2008-07 Declares playground equipment as surplus. Mayor Link explained that this is the playground equipment located in the front playground at Presidents Park which was the old wooden slides and swing sets. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to accept Municipal

Order 2008-07 declaring the playground equipment in Presidents Park as surplus; second by Mr. Link. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.** Mr. Rolfes added that the rubber mulch would be replaced with regular mulch that is designed for playground use. Discussion was held concerning the use of the old playground equipment.

ALS DISCUSSION

An in-depth discussion was held on several issues concerning the ALS Agreement.

Mr. Henson said the information of 5% increase was incorrect. Mr. Rolfes replied that the 5% is in effect now; Erlanger will amend the agreement before they can increase it to 50% and the revised agreement will come back to council for approval before it can take effect in the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year. He suggested council wait for the paperwork, which will ultimately go to 50%, and choose to either accept it or look at other options. Mr. MacMillan requested progressing with options (Erlanger, Transcare, or do it ourselves) now, and have all those numbers in a row to see what it will cost. Mr. Henson added that Erlanger provides excellent service but he would like to be prepared. Mayor Link requested that Mr. MacMillan solicit information and ask his committee to do the research; Chief Amon will work with him and they will report back to council. Mr. Rolfes will send copies of any data passed out at the September 10th meeting with Erlanger to those who could not attend. Mr. MacMillan said costs will all be estimates and if a group would pull out of the consortium, costs would go up. Mr. Rolfes will call Transcare to confirm the rate is pretty much the same for all cities.

At the request of Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Rolfes explained how they are basing their price. When ALS was no longer subsidized by the hospitals because of financial loss, Transcare raised their rates substantially, and Erlanger offered one half of that cost under their agreement with a provision to increase the rate 5% per year. Their reason for raising their rates is because the costs are much more than originally anticipated. Transcare is allegedly considering raising their rates. Because others have lost money, Mr. Rolfes suggested taking a close look before choosing to do this ourselves. Mr. Schreiber felt that even at 50%, Erlanger's increase was not a bad price, you could not even pay one extra person for that amount.

Discussion was held concerning the communication and the time and manner in which information was received. Mr. Rolfes said the issue was not clearly stated at the last meeting. He noted that there were a number of errors that occurred and he had detailed any errors he had made, but the solution was to get the data from Erlanger, present it to council, look at it, and if Erlanger needs to come before council for questions then arrangements will be made. Mr. MacMillan expressed concern over each year having a 50% increase; Mrs. Atkinson said we could do a year to year option.

Mayor Link said if we do the ALS ourselves there will be many factors that have to be opted into; Mr. Rolfes added the time it takes (six months to a year), the process, and needs such as state permits, Medical Director, hiring people, acquiring equipment, and supplies. Mr.

MacMillan stated that we have a better rate of return than many other cities. Mrs. Atkinson said we will need someone to process the billing.

Mayor Link suggested we pursue the options such as issues of our cost and what coverage we are going to present; will we choose 24/7 or 6a.m. to 6p.m. and rely on Erlanger to do the rest. Mr. Schreiber suggested we look at the response time, discussion followed. Mr. MacMillan said Erlanger has an excellent response, but we will disregard if we are already on the scene, it takes them longer to get here. Mayor Link asked about records showing when they are called and the number of negatives. Chief Amon replied that they do not keep those statistics but he can get response times. Mr. Rolfes added that we bear in mind what, if any, restrictions would the state apply to you.

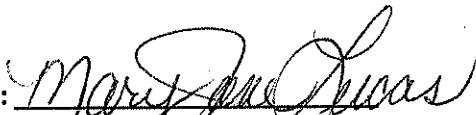
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Community CPR Class – Mayor Link thanked Chief Amon for putting on the August 23rd class and announced there would be additional classes. Anyone interested can call the city for more information.
- Shakespeare in the Park and the summer concerts were successful and the city is looking forward to next summer's events.
- Next Council Meeting will be September 15th.

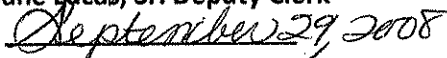
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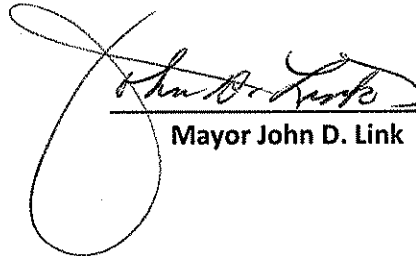
Mr. Henson made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; second by Mrs. Atkinson. Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.

Attest:


Mary Jane Lucas, Sr. Deputy Clerk

Date passed:





Mayor John D. Link