

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 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, Mark Steffen, Jeff Schreiber, Dale Henson, Chris Link, and Ray Spears. Also in attendance was Police Chief Anthony Kramer for City Administrator Roger Rolfes, City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mrs. Atkinson added resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts at Presidents Park under New Business. Mr. MacMillan asked about the status of the Occupational License Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Wichmann said the document is still being drafted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to adopt the November 3, 2008 meeting minutes as written; second by Mr. Spears. Mr. Steffen abstained. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Jack Kleymeyer – USCG Aux Flotilla 55 – presentation of certificate of appreciation – Mr. Kleymeyer introduced Flotilla Commander Mark Lepenia who presented Mayor Link and the City of Edgewood with a certificate of appreciation for allowing their organization to use the city's training room to hold their Boater Safety Course for the past couple of years.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link stated that he received a request from the Telecommunications Board to appoint a cluster representative to the Board and Dale Henson has agreed to continue to serve for another two years; an executive order will be presented at the next meeting. Mayor Link reminded everyone about the snow emergency guidelines in the event of snow fall. A snow emergency is automatically declared if there is two inches or more of snow. All cars should be removed from the streets. The snow emergency notice will be posted on the marquee, website, local tv and radio stations. Street repairs are done for the year. The city was awarded grant funds from the State to repair Dudley hill from Winding Trails to Ky 17. The city will have to match 20% of the funds; it is a \$1.6M project. The project will consist of widening the road, installing sewers and sidewalk. The project may start in late 2009. Mr. Henson requested that the city evaluate installing two left turn lanes on Dudley turning onto northbound 17 to help alleviate the traffic backup on Dudley.

Mr. Schreiber asked about the status of the widening of the intersection of Dixie and Dudley as part of the Dixie Fix project. Mayor Link said we have not received the money yet but the project is still in the design stages.

Mr. MacMillan asked if reflectors will be put in on the Dudley hill project; Mayor Link said yes they will be installed.

Administrator's Report – Chief Kramer distributed an ALS (Advanced Life Support) memo from a meeting that he attended this morning. He asked council to review it and it'll be discussed it at the next meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Text amendments: a) parking space size and b) Kruer

development – the city is requesting a text amendment for the zoning ordinance amending the size of parking spaces from 200 sq.ft. to 144 sq. ft. Also, Mr. Jim Kruer is proposing a “green friendly development” on a five acre tract of a property back in Grand Gardens; this would be a cul-de-sac which currently has six lots on it. He wanted to put in a narrow pervious street and make the entire development as “green friendly” as possible. The caliber of the houses they expect to put in will be in the half million dollar range; this would require a zone change that the city would have to request to allow this to happen because of variations in setbacks, etc. Both items would be submitted in one text amendment application and Mr. Kruer will pay the application fee. Mayor Link asked council for their approval to apply for the text amendment. It was explained that the process will be that the city will apply for the text amendment, then Planning and Zoning will make a recommendation on the application, at which point, it will be brought back to council for their final approval. Council could then make changes, deny or accept the amendments.

Jack Kleier, Chairman of the Board of Adjustments, spoke in opposition of reducing the parking space size. He said it is difficult for elderly people and families with children in car seats to get in and out of their car in these smaller spaces. He asked council to consider not changing the parking space size.

Carol Kruer Quill (Jim Kruer’s sister) was in attendance for the Kruer development and asked if council needed anything further from them; Mayor Link said the city does not need anything further right now.

Mr. Spears asked how much the fees are for applying for a text amendment. Mr. Wichmann said he doesn’t know what the fee is but the city is trying to save money by combining the parking space size text amendment with the Kruer Development amendment by making it one application and one fee instead of two. Mr. Kruer is paying the application fee; if combined then the city does not have to pay the fee as well.

Mr. Steffen asked what transpired in wanting to reduce the parking space size. Mayor Link said we are conforming ourselves with the rest of the cities in Kenton County. Mayor Link said it’s also accommodating the hospital and the college. Mr. Steffen agreed with Mr. Kleier stating that if we don’t need more spaces then make the ones we have be more accommodating to everyone. If we really needed them he could see the city pursuing this but he doesn’t think it’s needed. The hospital can reduce employee lots, as they have done in the past, but not visitor parking. Mr. MacMillan agreed stating that the hospital could approach the Board of Adjustments for certain areas.

Mr. Schreiver said he would like to apply for the text amendments to see what Planning and Zoning would or would not recommend. Mr. Schreiver made a **motion** authorizing the Mayor to apply for the text amendments; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 nay.** Mr. MacMillan voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS – Resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts at Presidents Park - Mrs. Atkinson received a complaint from a resident about the condition of the tennis courts. Mrs. Atkinson looked

at the tennis courts and noticed that they are chipping away really bad; the left court has a lot of big holes coming up. She then looked at the basketball courts and saw that they are starting the same chipping process. Mrs. Atkinson asked that the city look into resurfacing both tennis and basketball courts. Stan Goetz, General Services Director, said he has a couple of people coming to look at it and give a quote. She asked that it be discussed and/or be resurfaced next spring. Mr. Henson said it also creates a liability issue.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2008-10-15 adopt sign regulations – 2nd reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE EDGEWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE TO: (1) DELETE ALL CURRENT DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO SIGNAGE; (2) DELETE ALL CURRENT SIGN REGULATIONS; (3) ADD NEW DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO SIGNAGE; AND (4) ADD NEW SIGN REGULATIONS. Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2008-10-15; second by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 nay.** Mr. MacMillan voted nay.

ORDINANCE 2008-10-16 amend parking regulations – 2nd reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, REPEALING SECTION 72.02(E) OF THE EDGEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES IN REGARD TO MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING. Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2008-10-16; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Ordinance 2008-10-17 Amend business license ordinance – 2nd reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING SECTION 3.1 OF EDGEWOOD ORDINANCE NO. 2007-11-06 IN REGARD TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ANNUAL BUSINESS REGULATORY LICENSE. The fee is being increased from \$175 to \$225 annually. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2008-10-17; second by Mr. Steffen. Mr. Schreiber said we should have a plan in place for the extra \$25 that will be collected. He is okay with adding \$25 to add Covington but he is not okay with adding an extra \$25 just to add it; he'll be voting no on this ordinance. Mr. Henson said he is voting yes because the fee has not been increased in 15 years and it is in our benefit in Northern KY to try to maintain to collect this licensing. Mr. Henson said there has been talk that this may be pulled down to Frankfort and the more we can show a united front up here would lessen that likelihood of that happening. He said all you have to do is look at what they did to the cable franchise fees, even though the state will tell you that they will hold you harmless they in fact have not held this city harmless and it has cost us money. He said anything we can do to keep this function here in Northern KY then he is all for it. He said it's still quite a substantial savings for all the businesses that want to do a county wide license. Mr. Spears agreed with Mr. Henson saying that it's a simplification to have a county wide license. Mr. Schreiber agreed but he said he's not sure that we need the extra \$25 and since there is no plan in place for it then he's not voting for it. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 2 nays.** Mr. Schreiber and Mr. MacMillan voted nay.

Ordinance 2008-11-18 amending the 2008-2009 Budget – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY AMENDING EDGEWOOD ORDINANCE NO. 2008-05-07 AND THE BUDGET ADOPTED THEREBY FOR THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2008 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2009. The amendment

increases the allocation for ALS fees in the Fire/EMS budget and reduces the General Services salaries due to a mistake in the calculation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tree Lighting will be November 30th at 5:30 p.m. at Freedom Park.
- Congratulations to Kim Wolking and the Recreation Committee on their selection as recreation Department of the Year for the State of Kentucky. Mr. Schreiber attended a Recreation conference event at the Senior Center and stated that we were nominated by other departments. He said everyone was impressed with the senior center and everything that we do.
- Congratulations to Insight Communications for their selection as Sponsor of the Year for recreational programming.

ADJOURNMENT

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

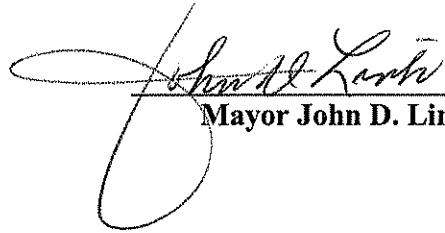
Attest:



Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed:

12/1/08



Mayor John D. Link