

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2009
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: Joe Messmer, Steve Jaeger, Dale Henson, Chris Link, Steve Middendorf and Ray Spears. Also in attendance were City Administrator Roger Rolfes, City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. Councilmember Jeff Schreiver was absent.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Rolfes added a FEMA resolution item #30; and Mayor Link added under Announcements #43 Recreation Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Link opened the public hearing regarding a St. Pius Bond Issue. Mr. Ian Koffler, Bond Council, introduced the project which allows the city to issue bonds on behalf of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington. The proceeds of the bonds would be used to retire existing debt that St. Pius has for the school building construction.

Norbert Meyer, 3118 Locust Hollow, asked if St. Pius defaults on these bonds then what happens. Mr. Koffler stated the city is prohibited from lending any resources to repayment of the debt. The debt is solely the obligation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington. If there is a default the bank they place the bonds with would seek repayment and foreclose on the property depending on the structure of the transaction. It is a negotiation between the bank and the Diocese.

Mr. Henson said we did the same thing for Rosedale Manor last year and we have no liability. Mr. Spears asked what the limit is in which the city can issue bonds. Mr. Koffler stated the limit was \$10,000,000 per calendar year but that limit has been increased to \$30,000,000 for this year and next year.

With no other comments Mayor Link closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt the March 12, 2009 special meeting minutes as written; second by Mr. Middendorf. Mr. Jaeger, Mr. Link and Mr. Spears abstained. **Motion passed: 3 ayes – 3 abstentions.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link thanked the staff for their assistance during the Egg Hunt; property taxes are due April 30th; discount prescription cards are available at the city building; police department received a grant for firearms in the amount of \$6,090. Desmond Insurance is offering a discount to employees for homeowner/auto policies; information will be distributed to the employees. Jim Kruer received approval for most of his requests from NKAPC for the Serenity Way development; they're modifying the preliminary plans then will seek final approval.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Rolfes said this month's treasurer's report shows us back on track and he thanked the department heads for their efforts.

Staff Reports – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire/EMS, General Services, Police, and Recreation. Mr. Spears asked Mr. Rolfes about the tax rate calculation comment he made in his memo assuming that we will use the compensating rate for proceeding with the budget; Mr. Spears said the rate should be kept the same at .240 and not the compensating rate which could change. Mr. Rolfes said at the last meeting council said they wanted to use the compensating rate and he hopes that we will use at least the same rate we’re using currently whether that is compensating or not. Mr. Spears said if the compensating rate is higher we would like to keep it the same. Mr. Rolfes said hopefully whatever the rate turns out to be will be enough to generate our projections. Mr. Henson asked if the amount that was billed this year for taxes will be the amount budgeted for 09/10 year; Mr. Rolfes said he would think so but is not sure without looking back at what was billed.

Mr. Messmer asked if council could receive informational meeting items when it’s received by the staff instead of waiting until Friday’s or Monday’s; yes, the clerk will pass the information on.

Mr. Jaeger stated that as the weather gets nicer visitors at the park should keep their windows up and cars locked; Chief Kramer addressed this in the latest newsletter.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – **Green Infrastructure** – Mr. Rolfes discussed this in his memo and asked council for their opinion. The Planning Commission is working toward changes in the subdivision regulations that will allow developers to take a “Green Infrastructure” approach to their development. There are four main areas that they are attempting to address: sidewalks, street width, road swales, and right away width. They will be polling the members of this committee to see how the respective cities will react to this. Mr. Messmer thought the ideas were good except for narrowing of the streets.

Mr. Spears asked about the progress of guardrails on Dudley hill near Henn Plumbing. Mayor Link said the area is not ideal for guardrails because they would be about a foot from the existing roadway. The city engineer recommended not doing anything right now because of the upcoming reconstruction of the road.

Approval of purchase from Swan Floral - Mr. Henson made a **motion** to approve to approve the purchase of a planter from Swan Floral and Gifts at the cost of \$30.99 because the item purchased is in the best interest of the public, and the city due to convenience; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Approval of purchase from Summit Fire - Mr. Henson made a **motion** to approve to approve the purchase of repair work in process on aerial fire engine #160 from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$8,029.86 because the item purchased is in the best interest of the public, and the city due to price; second by Mr. Spears. Mr. Messmer abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – **Resolution 2009-02 designating Roger Rolfes as applicant’s agent for FEMA documents** – Mr. Jaeger made a **motion** to adopt the resolution; second by Mr. Link. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 40. Brookwood Dr. will be closed from Dudley to Brookwood Circle during April for street reconstruction. Notice of the exact dates of the closure will be published as soon as they are finalized. Detour signs will be posted and notices will be distributed to all affected residents.
- 41. Prescription discount cards are available at the city building.
- 42. Edgewood Fire Fish Fry continues through to this Friday, April 10th at the Senior Center from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 43. Recreation Meeting will be held April 8th at 7 p.m. in the conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: Jeanette Kemper
 Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk
 Date passed: 5/4/09

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