

CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2010
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: Steve Jaeger, Joe Messmer, Steve Middendorf, Jeff Schreiber, and Ray Spears. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes and Sr. Deputy Clerk Mary Jane Lucas. Dale Henson and Chris Link were absent.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mr. Schreiber added an Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting per KRS 61.810 (b). -Future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency. Under Administrator’s Report, Mr. Rolfes added discussion on the letter from the Northern Kentucky City County Managers Association (NKCCMA) in regards to Kentucky League of Cities (KLC), and to give information regarding a minor accident with one of the fire trucks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Middendorf made a **motion** to adopt the January 4, 2010 meeting minutes as written; second by Mr. Spears.
Motion passed: 4 ayes – 0 nays. Mr. Schreiber abstained.

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor’s Reports – Mayor Link congratulated and thanked the Fire and EMS Departments for their following years of service:

Fifteen Years – Corey Deye, Scott Meiners, Nick Russell, and Troy Russell

Twenty Years – Greg Burk

“EMT of the Year” – Ben Riley and “Firefighter of the Year” – Clark Maddox

Approval of Petition - Mayor Link brought council up to date on the Kentuckians for Better Transportation in Frankfort and the Mayors Group on Saturday, January 16th. Sanitation District 1 asked the Mayor’s Group to look at the petition from the city and county elected officials in No. Kentucky supporting efforts to require the United States “EPA” to consider to greater degree affordability and the financial capability of communities and other factors when implementing its combined sewer overflow and sanitary sewer control policies. The EPA is putting on additional regulations that in some areas can’t be met. Jeff Eger, from SD1, has requested a petition to take before the EPA and the Regulatory Committee in Kentucky. He received the consensus of the Mayors Group; they were in favor of the petition, signed it, and agreed it should be presented to the directors of the EPA and State of Kentucky.

Lou Noll Symposium - Mayor Link advised that the meeting on January 30th will be held at the Sanitation District 1 by the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission and will consist of walk through tours. The Northern Kentucky Water Dept will be there also to bring you up to date on some of the things they are doing for the ecology/for the Going Green Program. Reservations must be made.

The Kentucky League of Cities - presented two pages of bills from the House and Senate regarding what they feel are the things to watch out for at the present time. They made their recommendations regarding these bills. They showed their recommended positions as support, opposition, or neutral.

Mayor Link added that the chamber also presented a packet of their advocacy items for 2010 regarding bills that are now going through the House and Senate. They included such items health care, water & sewage, and the Brent Spence Bridge.

Recreation Committee Meeting- A decision has been made to celebrate all of the July 4th activities on Saturday, July 3rd due to a conflict with St. Pius Sunday parking. If a rain date is called for the fireworks, they will be held on Sunday evening.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Rolfes informed council of a minor mishap with fire truck 174, a heavy rescue truck. Procedure was being followed but the men were unaware that the rear door on the passenger side was not tightly closed. It swung open and hit the building while backing into the fire house. There is damage to the door and frame but no damage to the building. Mr. Rolfes explained why the indicator light did not indicate a problem. Mr. Rolfes will report back when he hears from the insurance company. He further added there was a minor accident with a police cruiser; the other party struck the cruiser and was at fault.

NKCCMA letter – a letter was written at the unanimous request of the members present at the meeting to the President of the Kentucky League of Cities in response to some of the findings of the state auditor's audit of the organization. This was discussed at the Mayor's Group Meeting; therefore, it was suggested that each city write its own letter.

Mayor Link and Mr. Rolfes stated, with council approval, they would write a letter encouraging the executive committee of the KLC to take pro active steps as a result of the auditor's findings. Council will receive a copy. Mr. Rolfes suggested that the Executive Committee of KLC take five or six key items out of the thirty recommendations of the audit report, and focus on these for the coming year so they can get caught up.

Mayor Link acknowledged that the KLC as a whole is a good organization and is striving for our best interest, and we would support them and not hold our dues; however, he stressed that we do want them to work in the direction that is a cost savings for all the cities. We cannot follow them unless they take the suggestions from the auditor and make changes. Discussion followed.

Mr. Spears asked what the main benefits are that the city receives. Mr. Rolfes informed council that lobbying is our chief benefit, but we receive input or data on various questions or different issues throughout the year. He added they have kept some bills from becoming law and saved us multiple times from the cost of a lobbyist. They also have a full time lobbyist in D.C., who keeps them informed on issues relevant to municipal government. Also, through contact with other cities, the cities around the state are more cohesive within the state.

Mr. Jaeger inquired about a time frame. Mr. Rolfes said it would take time to get everything in compliance and presently there are differences of opinion among the executive board members. They are trying to work it out; it is just that they have gone astray and need to reign in the operation and make changes. Mr. Rolfes felt we should be pro active and send letters of support.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS, NOT ON THE AGENDA – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – **Request to cancel the February 15th meeting** – Mr. Jaeger made a **motion** to cancel the meeting on February 15, 2010 in observance of the Presidents Day holiday; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Municipal Order 2010-01- re-appointing various board member positions

Mr. Spears made a **motion** to approve Municipal Order 2010-01; second by Mr. Messmer.

Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays

ANNOUNCEMENTS

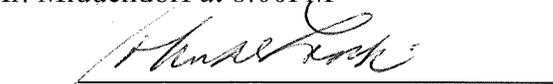
- Executive Order 2010-01 Appointing members of various Boards and Committees and setting their terms of service.
- Lou Noll Symposium for local government officials will be held on Saturday, January 30th from 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m. At SD1 on Eaton Drive. RSVP by January 22nd.
- NKAPC annual winter meeting, Thursday January 28th, 6 p.m. at Twin Oaks, reservations are due January 25th.

Mr. Schreiver made a **motion** at 7:00 P.M. to enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (b) -Future acquisition or sale of property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use by a public agency; second by Mr. Middendorf. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays**

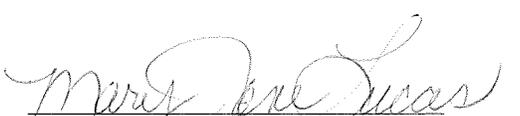
Mr. Schreiver made a **motion** at 8:00 P.M. to exit Executive Session KRS 61.810 (b) and return to the regular council meeting; second by Mr. Middendorf. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays**

Mr. Schreiver made a **motion** to authorize the purchase of a 1991 Pierce, 105 ft, Aerial Fire Truck from Government Services Administration through an online bidding process. The maximum authorized bid is \$50,000. This bid is only to be made after the Fire Dept. has had the opportunity to review the condition of the unit and finds it acceptable; second by Mr. Jaeger. **Motion Passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays**

Ray Spears made a **motion** to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Middendorf at 8:00PM



JOHN LINK, MAYOR



Mary Jane Lucas, Sr. Deputy Clerk
Date: February 1, 2010