

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 17, 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: Joe Messmer, Dale Henson, Steve Jaeger, Ray Spears, Jeff Schreiber, Chris Link and Steve Middendorf. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Middendorf made a **motion** to adopt the May 3, 2010 meeting minutes as written; second by Mr. Middendorf. Mr. Schreiber abstained. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 abstention.**

May 10, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt the May 10, 2010 special meeting minutes as written; second by Mr. Jaeger. Mr. Schreiber abstained. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor State of the City Address and Budget Message – Mayor Link read the State of the City Address and Budget Message.

Mayor's Report – none.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Rolfes was advised by the fire department that some local departments are going in together on a radio grant, Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Program, the city's match would be \$8,542 if the grant is funded; council concurred in providing the match if the grant is funded. This is for the unfunded mandate of narrowband and radio equipment that we will be required to have in the very near future.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – **Complete street replacement on Hurstborne Lane** – this street is scheduled for substantial work this year; part of it had been replaced in the prior year. The contractor advised us that some sections that we had not scheduled for repair this year were in bad shape but it still left another section of the street not being replaced this year but next year. It would cost an additional \$35,000 to repair the remaining sections now and making the street completely replaced. We've been contacted by residents on that street who are requesting that the city go ahead and replace it. Stan Goetz said that section is structurally sound and will probably last a couple of more years before needing replacement. Some council members said to go ahead and replace it at this cost; it'll cost more later and the contractor is already on the street doing work on another section.

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to complete the construction of Hurstborne Lane; second by Mr. Schreiber. Mr. Spears said he hasn't seen the road but if it's structurally sound he will abstain from voting if the road

can last another four years then there are other streets in the city that need repairs; he changed his vote to nay. Mr. Jaeger is worried about the precedent that will be set. Mr. Henson said he is making the motion for practical reasons; cheaper to fix it now and while the contractor is there. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Henson, Mr. Schreiber, Mr. Link, Mr. Messmer and Mr. Middendorf. Nays: Mr. Jaeger and Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 2 nays.**

Trouble shoot and repair pump throttle on engine 152 – Mr. Rolfes said this is a critical piece of the apparatus and it's not working correctly; this is an emergency repair request.

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to approve the service of trouble shooting and repairing the pump throttle on engine 152 from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of time and material because the item repaired is in the best interest of the public and the city due to proximity and their work experience on electronic pump throttles; second by Mr. Spears. Mr. Messmer abstained. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 abstention.**

Basketball goals as an auxiliary structure – Mr. Rolfes stated that a resident installed a permanent basketball goal in their driveway and their neighbor is unhappy about it and went to N. KY Area Planning Commission about it who stated that these goals are considered as an auxiliary structure in the zoning ordinance and therefore would not be allowed unless the city amended the ordinance. There are a lot of basketball goals throughout the city and if the ordinance is left as is then a lot of residents would be required to remove them. Council concurred to amend the ordinance excluding basketball goals as an auxiliary structure; Mr. Wichmann will draft the ordinance for first reading at the next council meeting.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2010-05-03 adopt FY 2010/2011 budget – Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL PAY PLAN BRACKETS FOR THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2010.

Mr. Rolfes stated that items that were changed from the last version council received are in bold. We were notified today that the general liability premium was reduced by \$24,000 and the workers comp premium was reduced by 18%

Mr. Spears asked what the source is for the cost of living adjustment (COLA) rate; he thinks the rate for this year is high, 2.72%. Mr. Rolfes said it comes from the Department of Local Government for the State of Kentucky. They issue the rate every February for elected officials. It's the same source that's called for in the ordinance; the city has used this source for the past 10 years. Mr. Rolfes said last year's rate was .010%. Mr. Henson said a 1% merit was also included; Mr. Rolfes said it was because we received more than enough savings from the insurance renewal to cover it. Mr. Henson said the economy has not quite recovered yet and an almost 4% increase for employees is too high; he said he can live with the COLA rate but not the merit increase. Mr. Jaeger agreed stating that especially with the forecast of all these unfunded mandates that will be coming up. Mr. Rolfes said if any of those hit, the \$11,000 that will be spent on merit will be a drop in the bucket compared to what those will be. Mr. Henson looked at last year's salary schedule and said a merit was given; this is the third year for the merit plan and it will be the first time that merit is not given. Mr. Rolfes asked if they didn't want to give 1% would they give ½%. Mr. Spears said he voted for a merit plan but did not want the COLA tied into the plan. Mr. Schreiber thought that council was supposed to set the COLA rate. The ordinance can be changed if council wants to change the COLA rate. Mr. Spears said if we're bound by the ordinance to go with the COLA rate, which is excessive but he could not support any more than that, then it's too late now to change that ordinance now but we should give some thought to changing that part of the merit based pay plan. Mr. Messmer and Mr. Jaeger agreed. Mr. Rolfes will adjust it accordingly and remove the 1% merit; but he said not everyone would

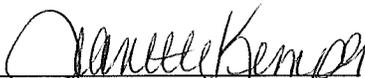
have received the merit because they are at their maximum in their bracket. The budget will be revised and presented for second reading at the next council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MGLNK meeting will be held at the Senior Center on May 20th at 6 p.m.
- Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 31st at 10 a.m. at Freedom Park
- Rock-N-Roll Teen Night will be held at Presidents Park on Tuesday, June 8th at 7 p.m. featuring teen rock band "No Outlet".
- Freedom Park Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Residents may reserve a space for \$20.
- Don't forget to vote tomorrow; it is a Primary election.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: 
 Jeanele Kemper, City Clerk
 Date passed: 6/7/10


 Mayor John D. Link