

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 2, 2011
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: Jeff Schreiber, Steve Jaeger, Joe Messmer, Nancy Atkinson, Dale Henson and Chris Link. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Doug Beckham and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. Ray Spears was absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to adopt the April 18, 2011 meeting minutes as written; second by Mr. Messmer. Mr. Link abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link thanked everyone involved with this year's fish fry. The amazing race and Easter egg hunt events were a success. Formal paperwork has been sent to the National League of Cities to implement the sewer line service warranty program; information will be distributed soon to the residents

Administrator's Report – Mr. Beckham reported that there will be a caucus meeting on May 9th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss revenues and administration budget. Reminder, the City of Crestview Hills is hosting a Shred-It event on May 14th from 9 am to Noon; they have invited Edgewood residents to bring their documents to the Crestview Hills city building for shredding.

Staff Reports – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire/EMS, General Services, Police, and Recreation.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – **Senior Center Rental** – at the last meeting a discussion was held regarding giving veterans a discount for renting the senior center. Mr. Beckham recommended allowing the veterans to rent the senior center at the same cost as the employees/members/council as listed on the rate sheet. He also recommended that a veteran be defined as: A person who is native-born or a permanent resident of the City of Edgewood, and has returned the last six months from overseas duty (in a combat zone). Mr. Schreiber agreed but doesn't think the city should differentiate between combat duty and overseas duty. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to allow veterans to rent the senior center at the same cost as the employees/members/council as listed on the rate sheet; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.** Mr. Wichmann will draft a municipal order for the next meeting reflecting the change.

NEW BUSINESS – **Approval of Conservation Easement with NKU Research Foundation, Inc. (east of Timber Ridge)** – Mr. Devin Schenk, Ecologist for NKU, stated that NKU runs a stream restoration fund. There is city owned property east of Timber Ridge Drive that feeds into Doe Run Lake that NKU would like to perform the stream remediation; it will repair erosion and sediment, bringing the stream bed and banks back to their original condition. The work will be at no cost to the City, and will take place on land that is undeveloped. The stream has started eroding and moving up the city's valley and creating landslides and destabilizing the slopes. Their work would stop those issues. There is also an access road that runs through the property, they would stabilize that access road as well; they would also clear out honeysuckle and trash from the property. The easement states that the property owner would not develop the property, cut trees down, etc. It assigns the rights to develop the property to NKU and allow them to perform the restoration. They estimate the cost to be about \$190,000 but it is funded through NKU's stream fund; no cost to the city. Mr. Messmer made a **motion** to approve the conservation easement; second by Mr. Jaeger. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Award waste/recycling collection bid- Mr. Beckham stated that five bids were received. The top three were Bavarian, Rumpke and Best Way Disposal. The low bidder for 2011-2013 was Rumpke at \$14.79 per resident per month. Three optional years were quoted as well. Mr. Jaeger asked if the city could lock in the rates for all 5 years now; Best Way's bid is cheaper in the long term, or do we have to rebid those option years. Mr. Beckham said it's

possible the option years can be negotiated. Mr. Wichmann said typically when the original term expires the city has the option to bid again, if they get a lower bid they can accept it that bid, if they don't get a lower bid then the contract with whoever was awarded the contract would continue for those option years.

Rumpke now has available, for free, a 65 gallon recycling cart.

Mrs. Atkinson thinks the residents will like the larger recycling cart; and stated that Rumpke has done a nice job in providing our services. Mr. Schreiber said he would have a hard time voting for Best Way because he's never heard of them and we would need more information on them; Rumpke has done a really good job.

Terri Teverbaugh, Best Way Disposal, stated they are located in Indiana, regional office is in Indianapolis, they will have a transfer station in Aurora. They're extending their services to N KY and Cincinnati. They started hauling in 1992 but bought a landfill prior to that. They will provide a 96 gallon trash cart and an 18 gallon recycling cart. Mr. Messmer expressed concern about cost and performance. They do not have any Kentucky customers. Mrs. Atkinson said she's concerned about the distance. Mr. Schreiber said Rumpke's pricing is cheaper than what the city is currently paying and they do a good job. Mr. Henson agreed with Mr. Schreiber and he wants more research to be done and discuss it at the next meeting because he is not prepared to vote for someone other than Rumpke.

Brett Gaspard, Rumpke, thanked the city for the many years of service they've had. He stated that Edgewood is one of the few cities in the tri-state area that has the waste carts and was one of the first to receive them. In a recent city survey, Rumpke received the highest score for city services at 98% approval rate. He said they have the most advanced recycling system. He spoke about the bid quotes and said that the option years wouldn't normally be decided on now. The last time they bid, five years ago, it was a two year firm with three option years; it was negotiated two years to not put in the last increase. He said they have a history of reducing those option year quotes. The average of their five years is less than what the city is currently paying. One reason for making it less is because they didn't want it to be a difficult situation for the city to choose between what they currently have and the new vendor that's come in town. He hopes that the city will renew the contract; it will allow them to move forward with some of the recycling projects that they have and get the mailing out to the residents.

Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to accept the Rumpke bid; second by Mr. Henson. Mr. Jaeger voted nay. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 nay.**

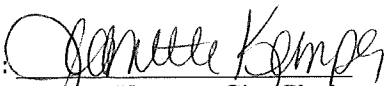
ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2011-04-04 Change Recreation Director overtime status to exempt. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD IN KENTON COUNTY KENTUCKY AMENDING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT ENTITLED "RECREATION DIRECTOR." It makes the position exempt instead of non-exempt. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2011-04-04; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

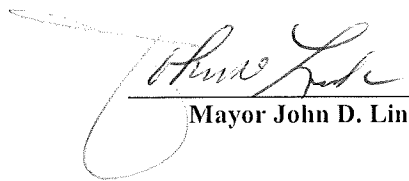
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Perennial Swap will be held May 7 at 10 am at Freedom Park; bring a perennial to swap for another.
- Freedom Park Yard Sale will be held May 21 from 9 am to noon; cost is \$20 to setup. Residents are also encouraged to have yard sales at their homes that day as well; a list of all the yard sales will be compiled and available at the city building the week prior.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; second by Mr. Jaeger. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: 
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk
Date passed: 5/16/2011



Mayor John D. Link