

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 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: Steve Jaeger, Ray Spears, Jeff Schreiver, Joe Messmer, Chris Link and Dale Henson. Also in attendance were City Administrator Doug Beckham and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. Nancy Atkinson and City Attorney Frank Wichmann were absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Messmer added Dudley Road project update. Mayor Link added a recreation meeting announcement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes – corrections were made and are identified in the document; Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt the June 6, 2011 meeting minutes as revised; second by Mr. Spears. Mr. Messmer and Mr. Schreiver abstained. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 2 abstentions.**

June 13, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes – corrections were made and are identified in the document; Mr. Spears made a **motion** to adopt the June 13, 2011 meeting minutes as revised; second by Mr. Henson. Mr. Messmer, Mr. Link and Mr. Schreiver abstained. **Motion passed: 3 ayes – 3 abstentions.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link announced the 4th of July festivities, see announcements below. Mayor Link stated that the city is participating in a Service Line Warranty Program through NLC, cost is \$4.25 per month, and information will be distributed to the residents soon.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Beckham stated that he has been in touch with the owner of LaRosa's and they are working on a solution regarding their outside lighting issue. Mr. Beckham said has received numerous calls lately regarding water runoff from adjoining properties; recent rains have caused flooding for some and he is reviewing all situations.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA –

Garth Kuhnhein, 3084 Prestwicke Drive, spoke in regards to recent newspaper articles claiming that the N KY Tea Party is anti-government. It stems from a petition drive that the Tea Party is sponsoring to put on the ballot in November the question of whether the Northern KY Area Planning Commission (NKAPC) should be dissolved or not. He distributed a resolution and asked everyone to review it and he invited everyone to attend an interim joint committee meeting on local government tomorrow at 1:00 at the Airport. It is being sponsored by the Committee Chair, Senator Damon Thayer, 30 legislators will be in attendance and speaking on this issue.

Mr. Kuhnhein stated that NKAPC has been advising people that if they were to go away then the city would have to come up with \$237,000 to do planning/zoning (these numbers are estimates from 2009). That number was determined by NKAPC; each resident contributes the funds through vehicles, boats, businesses and property taxes. Next year, NKAPC will take in about \$3.4M. He encouraged council to ask NKAPC how many actual services they provide the city; he believes the correct number the city receives in services is about \$.10 on the dollar. He stated that NKAPC's budget is \$4.7M, the same services are provided in Boone County for \$1.5M, in Campbell County for \$415,000. In Campbell County, some cities have their own planning/zoning. For a 4th class city in Kenton County, a household pays about \$75, Boone County households pay \$38 and in Campbell County about \$22. Edgewood is paying \$76.49 per household for NKAPC.

Mr. Kuhnhein asked for everyone's support by putting this issue on the ballot so that the citizens can vote on whether they want to spend this money for the services they're getting. He asked why would the city not support efforts to lower taxes, streamline government. There are two planning/zoning entities in Kenton County; one is the Kenton County Planning/Zoning and the other is N KY Area Planning. Taxes are paid to NKAPC and it's the only entity of its type in Kentucky; why do we need two he said. He asked why the city wouldn't support efforts to end a failed taxing authority; they've been in existence since the early 1960's. Edgewood is built out. Mr. Kuhnhein said that some of the dollars we're spending on NKAPC actually end up subsidizing work in Pendleton County or in Cold Springs.

Mr. Kuhnhein asked why you wouldn't want to reduce government; he said NKAPC has 42 employees. Boone County has 16 employees; Campbell County has 5 employees. He further said why wouldn't we support the efforts to increase private sector jobs. He asked everyone to look into these facts and attend tomorrow's meeting and support the issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Dudley Road Project Update – Mr. Beckham stated that the last of the easements have been signed; waiting for Horsebranch Road construction to be workable in order to start on Dudley Road. Mr. Messmer asked if we were ready to go to bid; we should be doing this at this point. Mr. Beckham is waiting for the bid to pave Horsebranch be let out and then we'll seek bids for Dudley.

NEW BUSINESS – Cancel July 4, 2011 council meeting due to holiday – Mr. Jaeger made a motion to cancel the July 4, 2011 council meeting due to the holiday; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2011-06-05 Adopt Budget 2011/2012 – 2nd Reading. Mr. Beckham read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY KENTUCKY ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND PERSONNEL PAY PLAN BRACKETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 BY SUMMARY THE BUDGET AND PAY PLAN BRACKETS ARE ATTACHED TO THE ORDINANCE. Mr. Henson made a motion to adopt ordinance 2011-06-05; second by Mr. Spears. Mayor Link said this budget has been frozen for three years and no tax increases for the last three years. Mr. Jaeger stated that his objection to the approval of the included and across the board funding for a merit increase in the budget in no way reflects upon my respect or appreciation for the city employees and all that they do. He said, originally his objection was because of the current economic times that we are in and his belief that most of the city residents are not receiving a corresponding increase in their own salaries and that such an increase would be an undue burden upon them. While this objection remains, my opposition became stronger with the revelation that we are in fact operating under a balanced budget only by covering our deficit by dipping into the city savings. To me, this is operating the city outside of our means and is not fiscally responsible. Because of my continuing objections and my belief that is not a sound fiscal approach, I cast my vote as no on the adoption of this year's budget. Mr. Messmer agreed with Mr. Jaeger's statement and voted no. Aye votes – Mr. Henson, Mr. Spears, Mr. Link and Mr. Schreiber. Nay votes – Mr. Jaeger and Messmer. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 2 nays.**

Ordinance 2011-06-07 amend COLA provisions – 2nd reading. Mr. Beckham read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD IN KENTON COUNTY KENTUCKY AMENDING SECTION I OF ORDINANCE 1993-07 TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS THEREOF FOR ANNUAL COST OF LIVING INCREASES IN THE COMPENSATION OF CITY EMPLOYEES. Mr. Spears made a motion to adopt ordinance 2011-06-07; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

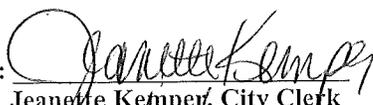
Ordinance 2011-06-08 amend tuition policy – 2nd reading - Mr. Beckham read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES THEREOF IN REGARD TO TRAINING. Mr. Spears made a motion to adopt ordinance 2011-06-08; second by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

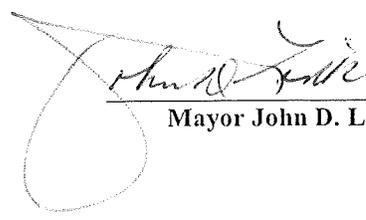
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4th of July celebration kicks off at 8 a.m. on the 4th with the 5K Race; parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Concert at Freedom Park begins at 7 p.m. and the fireworks will go off at dusk.
- Recreation Committee meeting will be held July 13th at 7 p.m. at the city building; meet our new Recreation Director Elaine Hoblik.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Henson made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: 
Jeannette Kemper, City Clerk
Date passed: 7/18/11


Mayor John D. Link