

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 7, 2013  
6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Link called the special 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: Nancy Atkinson, Dale Henson, Chris Link, Joe Messmer, Jeff Schreiber, and Tony Ward. Also in attendance were City Clerk Jeanette Kemper and City Attorney Frank Wichmann.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mayor Link added item #14 – an overview of the KLC Convention in Covington.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES** – September 23, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Atkinson made a motion to adopt the September 23, 2013 special meeting minutes as written; second by Mr. Ward. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

**REPORT/PRESENTATIONS** – Tom Litzler representing the Kenton County Government Study Group – Back in 2010 things were not good between the cities and counties of Kenton. A group of elected officials went to Mark Neikirk the Director of Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement asking for suggestions to help with the issues. They came up with a group called the Northern Kentucky Forum, they decided to have a session on “how can governments in Kenton County work together better”. Later that year Mr. Litzler was approached to chair a committee that would continue that dialogue. Eleven others joined the committee and met for 17 meetings over a 2 year period. The report from the committee is now a 200 page booklet. The group has recommended that the Mayors Group appoint a new committee to continue the dialogue and research. The group needs some funds, they were able to raise \$30,000, and it’s in the bank ready to give to the new committee once it’s appointed. The current committee believes it will take \$60K to \$100K to continue the research. Kenton County has budgeted \$15K. Mr. Litzler proposed that at \$.10 a resident this would be a onetime fee towards the new committee. At this time Mr. Litzler is just asking that the Mayor’s Group appoint a new committee.

**Mayors Report** – Mayor Link gave everyone a copy of the street evaluation report from CDS, he was very impressed with the condition and ratings. CDS will give us a 1 year and 5 year forecast on what it’s going to cost to do the streets. We are in much better shape than we anticipated, great job to Bob and his staff. Mrs. Atkinson is very pleased with the outcome of Charter Oak, good job. Roger will be surveying the neighboring residents of Victory Park to see what their needs and wants are for the park. After research, Roger realized that the playground grant we thought was available was only through a specific playground company. There will be grants available in the spring. In the meantime, Roger will continue with the surveying. The weather wasn’t good for Safety Fire Week, however inside was still standing room only, thank you to Chris, Tom, and the entire department.

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Dudley hill construction update – Frank emailed Mayor Link and KZF partnered with Viox to survey the easements of two properties into deeds.

FEMA grant regarding the Carl Court Landslide – the grant was submitted, we did receive letters from both homeowners stating their intent to pay their share of the 25% of the total cost. Thank you to NKADD for completing the grant at no charge to the city or homeowners.

St. Elizabeth traffic light at South Loop Road – The city will be spending about \$30K out of our funds; the bad news is that the monies through the grant will not be allotted to us until 2015/2016. Roger is working to try and speed up the process.

The Hausladen home has been destroyed; they hope to get the house dug and the foundation poured before the inclement weather arrives.

KLC meeting – Legislation will be meeting here in January 2014. They will need some help, with 26 items that are pressing the cities. One item is the 911 fee, if we could put the fee on the electric meters instead of the property tax bills, the fee would be even lower than the \$60 it currently is. Also being discussed is the sales tax option, and a restaurant tax. In the next couple of weeks they will come out with a list of things that they are actually going to campaign for down in Frankfort. Effective January 1, 2014 those enrolled in KLC Insurance will have a triage nurse available 24/7 that they can call for workers compensation injuries before running off to the doctor, unless it's an emergency.

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS** – Ordinance 2013-09-15 – Emergency Ordinance to appoint Roger Rolfes as Administrative Assistant to the Mayor until the current City Administrative Officer, Douglas Beckham, is able to resume the duties of that office or he is replaced – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Mr. Wichmann read **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD IN KENTON COUNTY KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING A NEW TEMPORARY POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, WITH THE CLASS TITLE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR, AND PROVIDING THE FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND COMPENSATION THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN REGARD THERETO NAMED THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER EMERGENCY.** Mr. Henson made a motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2013-09-15; second by Mrs. Atkinson. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

**Resolution 2013-05 – Urging TANK bus not to eliminate the 18X route** – Mr. Henson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-05; second by Mr. Messmer. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Nifty Knitter Class (basic knitting) will take place on October 19; call the city building to register.
- Spooky Sunday is October 27, 4: p.m. meet at St. Pius to parade to Presidents Park where the festivities will continue.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – per KRS 61.810(1) (f) Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment of an individual employee. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret. Mrs. Atkinson made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:30 p.m. per KRS 61.810(1) (f); second by Mr. Ward. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

Mrs. Atkinson made a motion to exit executive session at 8:35 p.m.; second by Mr. Ward. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

Mrs. Atkinson made a motion to return to plenary session at 8:36 p.m.; second by Mr. Ward. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

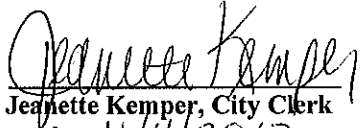
Mr. Henson made a motion to appoint Ben Barlage to fill the vacant city council seat; second by Mrs. Atkinson. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

Mayor Link administered the Oath of Office to Ben Barlage.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Messmer made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.; second by Mr. Henson. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

Attest:

  
Jeannette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: 11/4/2013

  
Mayor John D. Link