

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2015
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: Nancy Atkinson, Ben Barlage, Dale Henson, Joe Messmer, Jeff Schreiber, Rob Thelen and Tony Ward. Also in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, City Clerk Jeanette Kemper and City Attorney Frank Wichmann.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – no changes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 5, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Henson made a motion to adopt the January 5, 2015 minutes as written; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Eileen Whaley - Edgewood resident and author of *Come Back Strong* – this is a community book that was two years in the making. This book is about getting up, getting moving and moving on. Eileen invited everyone to come to her celebration at the Edgewood Senior Center on February 21st starting at 10: am, It's a wellness celebration she has called it Strong.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link reminded everyone to watch for a notice about the Lou Noll Symposium, this is a joint venture between Northern Kentucky Water District, PDS and TANK. This Symposium will consist of TANK buses that will tour the Water Department and the Sanitation Department they are expecting between 200-300 people. Additionally this symposium will give us up to date projects for the companies involved. There will be a light breakfast and lunch, please coordinate with Jeanette if you would like to go. Mayor Link reported that at the last Mayor's group meeting there was talk of the subdivision regulations, there has been some changes in the wording – Paul Darpel will be reading more about this at the February 3rd meeting. Another thing discussed, there is a new police officers bill of rights this requires that every city take part in the Police Officers Bill of Rights – Frank Wichmann reported that it's not new legislation, it's existing legislation that is been interpreted differently by the Judicial system. Covington is celebrating its 200th Birthday; the gala is going to be February 7th at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center.

Chief Kramer reported on updates from the police department – every month Chief Kramer gives an activity report. Edgewood's activity in 2014 increased slightly over 2013 by 1%, 2013 was up 5% over 2012. Some of the things they do frequently: almost 500 alarm drops, over 600 fire assist runs, 257 motorists assists (disable vehicles that we assisted), 230 school resource officer home visits – on average that's one home per day, over 1,000 traffic stops and 963 vacation checks , the vacation checks do not include the popular VARDA (Voice Activated Radio Dispatched Alarm) system. Chief Kramer doesn't typically give data on Part 1 and Part 2 crimes which go into the FBI database, primarily because we don't have a lot of Part 1 Crimes (homicides, rapes, arson, auto theft, burglaries). Primarily the types of Part 1 crimes that we do have are burglaries and thefts, so just taking those two categories, last year with the burglaries we cleared 33% of them and 35% of the theft. Traffic accidents were up last year by 10%, however Dudley was down to 70 from 76 and that's all of Dudley, 6 accidents on the hill – down from 26. In 2014 personnel wise this was a good year, it was the first year since 2009 that we didn't loose an employee and had to hire somebody. Two officers elected to go back to school to continue there educations, Officer Jeff Nagy is pursuing a degree in psychology at NKU and Officer Pat Count is pursuing a degree in chemistry – neither one are seeking tuition reimbursement from the city. The Department is working on updating their evidence tracking procedures, up until now they have had a paper based tracking system. They have also worked closely with Lakeside Park/Crestview Hills to improve our investigative capabilities, in 2014 both departments sent officers to common training for evidence collection and we have an Interlocal agreement that if a case comes up that exceeds our capabilities to handle on our own but doesn't rise to the level that we have to call in an outside agency like the state police, that we will work cooperatively and lone each other personnel and expertise to help solve these cases. As a department they have continued to respond to active shooters, each summer they walk through each of the schools so all officers are familiar with the layout of the schools. All officers are trained in SAVE (Swift Assisted Victim Extraction), Chief Amon and the fire departments have been practicing this procedure. Chief Kramer sits on a committee that is a subcommittee of the Northern Kentucky Police Chiefs Association to look at the parochial schools and how they should best respond to active shooters and prepare. They have tried a few community outreach programs, the police department served lunch at St. Pius during Red Ribbon Week – Drug awareness week, and they have been invited back during Catholic Schools week to serve ice cream sundaes. Chief Kramer is working to partner with the public grade school principals to get patrol police officers there to help build relationships with the children; we are also looking into bringing in therapy dogs to work with

the kids. The department is in the process of evaluating different systems and trying to get pricing and possible grant money for more body cameras in the wake of Ferguson and Station Island.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Mr. Joe Schwab (resident) - Mr. Schwab got a door bell ring at 0330 hours, it was a police officer. He had left the back door of his CRV open and they were just stopping by to make sure everything was okay; Mr. Schwab wanted to say thank you and good job to the Chief and his staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Dudley Hill Construction – Brian Dehner reported - the water district and the contractor continued to look into the backed up water drain issue that occurred on January 2nd and apologized again for the problems it caused. Nikki Seibert of 815 Dudley Road – Mrs. Seibert first thanked Brian Dehner and Bob Begnoche for both being so helpful and quick to respond to any issues. Mrs. Seibert asked about when the street lights will be installed and thanked the police for the speed sign. Brian said that three street lights were installed in the middle of the hill; Mrs. Seibert said she didn't know because she hasn't been home. Dennis Drew of 827 Dudley also attended.

Edgewood & Lyndale Road Project – no additional update on this, Mayor Link was with PDS on Saturday and the GIS presentation was presented by Trish. Envista is a new system of GIS, if we tell PDS what streets we are working on, they will contact the water and sanitation district and any water and sewer issues will be taken care of before we put in the new streets.

NEW BUSINESS – Approval of Brandstetter Carrol, Inc. as Engineer for the Dudley Road Phase 2 project - Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to approve Brandstetter Carrol, Inc. as Engineer for the Dudley Road Phase 2 project; second by Mr. Ward. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – **Municipal Order 2015-01** – approve appointments - Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order 2015-01; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

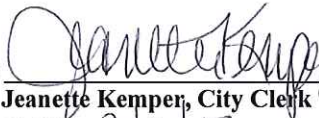
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Edgewood Sweatshirts are available for purchase for \$30.
- KLC City Day/Night event is February 11th, RSVP with Jeanette by February 3 if you'd like to go.
- To take advantage of the 2nd discount tax period, taxes must be paid by February 2nd. Reminder, new due date next year is 12/31/15 with only one discount of 2%.
- Upcoming events: Free Ice Skating, Youth Dance Party, Free Roller Skating, Snow Tubing at Perfect North and the Mystery Dinner. Inquire at the city building for details.
- John Stanton – Edgewood resident was just appointed to Kenton County as there Economic Development and Community Liaison. Mr. Stanton stopped by and introduced himself on his first day and wanted to let everyone know he will be in touch and available; Brian will forward his contact information to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.; second by Mr. Barlage. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest:


Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: 2/2/15



Mayor John D. Link