

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 17, 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, 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. Council member Dale Henson was absent.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 3, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to adopt the August 3, 2015 minutes as written; second by Mr. Messmer. Mr. Barlage abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.**

**REPORT/PRESENTATIONS** – Representative Diane St Onge gave a Frankfort and legislative update. Big topics this year: teacher’s retirement fund, funding the heroin bill and the needle exchange program to name a few.

**Mayors Report** – Mayor Link talked about the Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy, this is funded by the fiscal court. Everyone is touched by the heroin epidemic, not just inner city but urban too. October 17<sup>th</sup> is the Northern Kentucky household waste collection event in Florence. The Lou Noll Symposium is also on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Mayors group presented Resolutions and asked the Sanitation Board to reconsider the lateral sewer line cuts they made in their budget last year; they did reconsider and put it back in the budget – it will be the homeowner’s responsibility to scope the line to determine where the issue is, this scope will determine who is responsible for the repairs. Mayor Link thanked everyone for their hard work at the Mayor’s Golf Outing at Twin Oaks. Big thanks to Hatfield Insurance for their sponsorship of the hole-in-one prizes and their continued sponsorship of the Tuesday Night Concert in the parks series. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the City of Fort Mitchell will be holding an open house for the new city building.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Edgewood & Lyndale Road Project – The sanitary sewer lines had to be relocated; this is finished and has passed testing. They started laying the storm sewer pipes. This project is a slow process.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Cancel September 7, 2015 Council Meeting due to the holiday - Mr. Ward made a **motion** to cancel the September 7, 2015 meeting; second by Mr. Barlage. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS** – Mr. Schreiber is hesitant to increasing taxes until he has solid numbers. Mayor Link said with the Edgewood Lyndale road project we will have to borrow money. Mrs. Atkinson is not in favor of the increase; if she starts to see us cut services then maybe it’s time to increase taxes, but not now. Mr. Messmer said if we wait until we start cutting things then it’s too late; however he too would like to see more numbers. Ordinance 2015-08-05 – adopting a property tax rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, THAT IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR CITY PURPOSES, BY THE USE OF THE ANNUAL COUNTY ASSESSMENT THEREOF BY THE PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR OF KENTON COUNTY; AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH BEGINS JULY 1, 2015, AT THE RATE OF \$0.244 DOLLARS FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS OF THE VALUATION THEREOF SO ASSESSED; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES, AND PENALTIES**

**AND INTEREST THEREON; AND DESCRIBING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH TAXES SO COLLECTED SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND USED.**

Mr. William Stafford of 3049 Belle Meade has been a resident since 1995; in 2006 he built a backyard coop with a small flock. Mr. Stafford is opposed to the chicken ordinance but understands the need to regulate it; if regulations are set; he hopes they will be set according to the size of the property. Mr. Wichmann said according to the information given by Mr. Stafford he is in compliance with the terms of the ordinance except for the number which is limited to five. Mr. Wichmann said the ordinance can be changed to six if council agrees. Inquiries were made about the specifics of the ordinance to which Mr. Wichmann summarized. Mr. Schreiver recommends the number of chickens be determined by the lot size. Jesse McDonald of 1211 Mockingbird supports the chickens and thinks they are a good idea. Mr. Wichmann recommended six chickens per 1 acre of property with a maximum of twelve chickens; he will also make changes to accommodate the zoning ordinance. Mr. Wichmann will make those changes and return to the next meeting with an updated ordinance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Shakespeare in the Park – A Midsummer Night’s Dream – August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:p.m. at Presidents Park.
- Tuesday Concert Series - September 1 “The Sweet Beats” at 7: p.m. at Presidents Park.
- Fall exercise classes are forming; call the city building for more information.
- Xhilaracing Indoor Go Cart Track (Florence) – September 24 from 6-9:p.m., \$5 per person with a limit of 100, must pre-register.
- Don’t forget to sign up for Reach Alert to receive alert messages from the city regarding events, cancellations, crime alerts, road closures, etc.; sign up at [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Atkinson made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; second by Mr. Ward. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

Attest:

  
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: 9/14/15

  
Mayor John D. Link