

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 3, 2020  
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: Ben Barlage, Dale Henson, Jeff Schreiver, Rob Thelen, Tony Ward and Kim Wolking. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, City Clerk Belinda Nitschke and City Attorney Frank Wichmann. Council member Joe Messmer was absent.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approved

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 20, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt the January 20, 2020 minutes as written; second by Mr. Thelen. Mr. Henson abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.**

**REPORT/PRESENTATIONS** – Mayor’s Report – KLC City Day Night will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> in Frankfort. Mayor’s Golf Outing will be held on Friday, August 14, 2020 at Twin Oaks Golf Course. Mayor Link discussed the changes to the PDS Council and Management Board. Much in Common presentation at the OKI Regional meeting was held last week at the Kenton County Government building promoting development in the counties. Duke Energy is presenting a rate increase of 12% to the utilities board on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Gateway Technical College in Edgewood. Next PDS meeting will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Staff Reports – City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police & Recreation – Mr. Schreiver asked how long the Dudley Road project Phase I and II will take. Mr. Dehner stated that bids would be opened on Friday and it would take approximately 3 weeks to review the bids. Mr. Dehner gave an estimate of June 2021 for completion of the project. Mr. Dehner stated that the city’s match for the project is 40% of the grant amount and 100% above the grant amount. Chief Dickman announced that the Fire Department received a \$3,200 grant for thermal imaging from the Kentucky State Fire Commission. Mr. Vance stated that the sidewalks have been completed in Presidents Park. Mr. Dehner stated that the Public Works Department is going to begin concentrating on further training for their employees.

**CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – Sean Smeltzer, Dixie Heights High School – Merit badge for Eagle Scouts.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Citizen Survey Discussion – Mr. Schreiver stated that on question #5 regarding sidewalks and walkability of the city there may be roads that need sidewalks. Mr. Dehner stated that a few streets Elmwood, Ashley and additional streets that do not have sidewalks but that the city has worked to close all the gaps in the sidewalks. Mr. Dehner stated that we have discussed with Crestview Hills regarding a grant for Horsebranch Road sidewalk but they have not agreed to it. Mr. Schreiver stated that there were many suggestions for green initiatives for solar power, tree planting and charging stations. Mr. Dehner stated that he has looked into charging stations but you have to be a non-profit for grants but he has asked St. Elizabeth to consider it. Mr. Dehner stated that he has discussed with Mr. Baeten about what trees should be planted in the park. Mr. Schreiver asked about labeling trees and an abortorium. Mr. Ward asked about electric or hybrid vehicles for the police department. Mr. Dehner stated that the city should wait a year and see how the vehicles perform and maintenance costs. Mr. Schreiver asked how people received the survey and noticed many stated they received notification via Reach Alert. Mrs. Wolking was surprised how few people responded to the survey but stated that the results were much the same as the survey from 10 years ago with very high satisfaction. Mr. Dehner stated that the trend is using micro surveys that if the survey is too long you will get a diminished response rate. Mr. Schreiver asked if we have a dedicated person for social media. Mr. Dehner stated that Hannah Centers is the main person responsible for social media for administration and is looking at branding across all departments. Mr. Schreiver mentioned how they get to work that most people stated they use a vehicle but that 5 people use the bus to get to work and would like the ridership numbers for the city. Mr. Dehner stated that TANK is reducing their numbers for park and ride sites. Mr. Schreiver

stated that the telephone poles are aggravating and some respondents agreed. Mr. Schreiver stated that respondents were worried about increased traffic from the St. Elizabeth expansion. Mr. Dehner stated that at the next meeting he will present how the city will help manage the flow of traffic but that we are not able to reduce it. Mr. Schreiver stated that some respondents mentioned helicopter traffic. Mr. Dehner stated that there are five new carriers for medical helicopters. Mr. Schreiver stated that respondents mentioned zoning changes for condominiums and retirement apartments. Mr. Dehner stated that we have had four developers contact the city regarding this type of housing. Mr. Schreiver asked about astro turf at Freedom Park in the future. Mr. Barlage stated that residents have asked him about this as well. Mr. Schreiver stated it was recommended that we should be a Tree City USA designee. Mr. Dehner stated we could do this but there is a cost to this and will get further information. Mr. Schreiver asked if we can add food trucks to the concert series. Mrs. Nitschke stated that we have added that for this summer concert series. Mr. Ward stated that a 5-year or 10-year plan to prioritize these suggestions would be a good idea. Mr. Schreiver stated that garbage was a hot topic and Mr. Dehner stated that we are in year 2 of a 3-year contract. Mrs. Wolking stated that street lighting was a hot topic.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Cancel February 17, 2020 council meeting due to Presidents Day. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to cancel the February 17, 2020 council meeting; second by Mr. Ward. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

KLC Investment Pool – Mr. Dehner stated that he and Mrs. Nitschke met with KLC to go over the investment pool. Mr. Dehner verified that the city could move the funds at anytime without any fees or penalties. Mr. Dehner suggested that the city start small. Mr. Dehner stated that the council will receive quarterly reports.

**ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS** – none

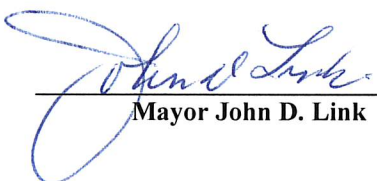
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Canvas Painting will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Senior Center, must pre-register.
- Ladies 12 and over can sign up now for free RAD (Rape, Aggression, Defense) Classes. February 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> - must attend all 4 classes – Sign up online.
- “The Game of Life” Mystery Dinner will be held March 7 – pre-register online.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.; second by Mr. Ward. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest:   
Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk

  
Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 3/2/20