

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 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, Joe Messmer, Jeff Schreiber, Rob Thelen and Kim Wolking. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, City Clerk Belinda Nitschke and City Attorney Frank Wichmann. Council members Dale Henson and Tony Ward were absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 3, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Wolking made a motion to adopt the February 3, 2020 minutes as written; second by Mr. Thelen. Mr. Messmer abstained **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Officers Jimmy Kreinest and Ben Flanagan were promoted to Sergeant.

Mayor Link swore in Officers John Mairose, John Overbey and Jarod Buchanan.

Mayor's Report – Mayor's Group is supporting the free CERS bill. The Police Chief's Association is supporting the creation of a Police Academy in Northern Kentucky. PDS Council and PDS Management boards have changed to four cities. PDS Council is represented by each Mayor and a representative and meet six times a year. PDS Management Board is made up of Kenton County, Independence, Covington and Erlanger and three at large representatives for the smaller cities and meet twelve times a year. The next Mayor's Group meeting will be hosted by the City of Edgewood at the senior center on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 9am. Chief Dickman thanked his department and all departments that came out to help with the structure fire.

Staff Reports – City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police & Recreation

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – **Cost of Living Adjustment** – Mr. Dehner recommended 2.3% COLA and 2% merit increases for a total of 4.3% for fiscal year 20/21. No comments were made. First draft of the budget should be available in April.

Mrs. Wolking stated her concern over the theme at Presidents Park and the branding. Mrs. Wolking would like to know if we are going to keep the red white and blue patriotic theme. Mr. Schreiber stated the city may want to think about rebranding. Mr. Dehner stated that if council wants to make any changes that he would need to know so he can add it to the budget. Mr. Messmer stated that we need to develop a plan for the theme either volunteers or hire someone. Mayor Link suggested we include the garden club in the plan development. Mr. Dehner stated he would look further into the issue and get back with council.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – **Ordinance 2020-03-01** – Annual Codification – 1st Reading – Mr. Wichmann read **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, KENTUCKY.**

Resolution 2020-02 – #freeCERS – Mr. Messmer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-02, second by Mrs. Wolking. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Resolution 2020-03 – Approving Riegler Blacktop for the Dudley Road Construction Project – Mr. Barlage made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-03, second by Mr. Messmer. Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.

Ordinance 2020-03-02 – Nepotism Amendment – 1st Reading – Mr. Wichmann read AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY AMENDING THE NEPOTISM ORDINANCE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

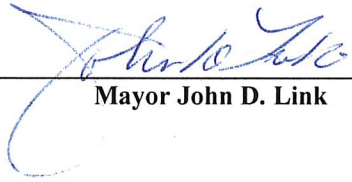
- “The Game of Life” Mystery Dinner is this Saturday, March 7 at 6:30 pm.
- Senior Expo – March 12th at the Senior Center from 2-4 pm – All seniors are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.
- Easter Egg Hunt – April 4th at Freedom Park – Hunt starts at 2 pm.
- There will be no fish fry this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barlage made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.; second by Mr. Thelen. Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.

Attest: 

 Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk



 Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 3/16/20