

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 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, Joe Messmer, Rob Thelen, Tony Ward and Kim Wolking. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner and City Clerk Belinda Nitschke. Council member Jeff Schreiber and City Attorney Frank Wichmann were absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – no changes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 16, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Wolking made a motion to adopt the March 16, 2020 minutes as written; second by Mr. Messmer. Mr. Henson abstained Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Mayor’s Report – Mayor thanked the city staff, police and fire departments for keeping the city open and running. Mayor stated that our Fire Department helped with a parade in the city to help citizens celebrate special occasions. Mayor stated that this isn’t an ideal situation but it is bringing the community together.

Chief Dickman reported that he appreciated his staff and thanked them for their service. Their PPE inventory is sufficient and will be making requests of the state if they should get low. The department has been disinfecting the city building as well.

Mayor stated as we get further in the year there will be a legislative update and KLC at this time is not at full staff. The Mayor has been having conference calls with PDS and Dennis Gordon is retiring in August and Sharmili Reddy, City Administrator of Ft. Mitchell will be the new Executive Director of PDS.

Staff Reports - City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police & Recreation – Mr. Dehner reported the Dudley Road preconstruction meeting with Lockard was held regarding storm water improvements. Riegler Blacktop will start on the curbs, etc. and there will be temporary road closures. The projected completion date is next August or September of 2021. Mr. Dehner has ordered dividers to install between council member spots in order to get meetings back to normal and may have to limit the number of the public allowed at meetings. Mr. Dehner stated that demolition permits have been granted for the Heritage Square and O’Rourke Construction will begin work in June. The three floor Cardiology building is ready to begin. St. Elizabeth would like to install a light at the main entrance intersection. Mr. Dehner stated that Brookwood Drive project was put on hold due to social distancing and the next phase is designed. The city is taking part in a joint project with ten communities with a machine that x-rays the roads and produces a report on its condition. Mrs. Wolking stated that a resident contacted her concerned about the zoning changes in Grand Garden. Mr. Dehner stated it is not required to due a traffic impact study. Mr. Dehner stated that he would like them to do a traffic impact study. There is a hearing at PDS for the zone change on May 7, 2020 at 6:15pm.

Recreation – the city will be having the Memorial Day Ceremony with social distancing and will be streaming it live. There have been discussions about the July 4th parade and a few cities in Cincinnati have cancelled theirs so we will have to look into it and see if we will go forward with ours.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Ordinance 2020-03-03 – Repeal Animal Ordinance – Council asked Mr. Dehner to compare the city ordinance to the Kenton County’s Animal Ordinance but due to the COVID-19 crisis Mr. Dehner has not had a chance to review them. Mr. Dehner stated he would continue to look into it.

NEW BUSINESS – Draft Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget – presented to council by Mr. Dehner. If you remove the Dudley Road project from the budget there is only a .29% increase in the budget. The amount of revenue collected will have changes due to the uncertainty of the economy due to COV-ID 19. Business taxes were given an extension. Mr. Dehner has removed some items from the CIP to cut down expenses but has added three additional radios for the police department. Mr. Dehner stated that he moved the expense of the ambulance to next year. Mr. Dehner stated that there is an increase in cruisers to install in-car cameras and software. Mr. Dehner stated that most of the city building upgrades will be in the fire department upstairs area since it is 15 years old. New projects not in the budget in no particular order: a City of Edgewood service wall, a gazebo near the White House per agreement with Mary Luebbers, netting for the baseball fields, branding for the city and Turkeyfoot island project. Mr. Henson recommended a freeze on salary and increases. Mr. Dehner stated he agreed with the uncertainty of the economy but he would like to fight for our staff that are working extremely hard during this time. The budget has no tax increases in it and have one of the lowest tax rates in the area and continue to provide great service.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – none

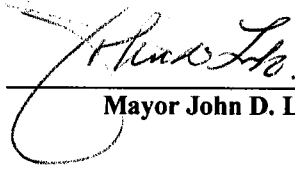
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Due to COVID-19 we have cancelled the City-Wide Yard Sale and Perennial Swap.
- Memorial Day Ceremony at Freedom Park – May 25th at 10:00 am (Working on a safe approach to having this event and broadcasting it live).

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Henson made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.; second by Mr. Barlage. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

Attest: 
Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk


Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 5/18/20