

CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2022
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 pm. The following council members were present: Ben Barlage, Dale Henson, 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 member Darla Kettenacker was absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 7, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Wolking made a motion to adopt the February 7, 2022 council meeting minutes as written; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Messmer added item #21 sign at Brookwood and Dudley discussion.

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Staff Years of Service Recognition – Mayor Link recognized the following employees for their years of service: Sergeant Ben Flanagan 5 years, Sergeant James Kreinest 10 years, Sergeant Mike Winkler 15 years and Chief Brian Zurborg 25 years. Mayor Link also recognized volunteer Joe Brake for 20 years of service to the city. Mayor Link and Chief Dickman recognized council member Joe Messmer for 55 years of service.

Chief Dickman presented a request to council regarding EMS services offered by the city. The department has received an increase in mutual aid calls. This is a very important service to all departments but has recently become unbalanced in requests to departments. Over 5 years unit 164 has had an increase of calls from 941 to 1,332 a 41% increase. Mutual Aid calls have also increased over the last 5 years. Chief Dickman is requesting the purchase of a 2nd ambulance. The cost would be \$345,000 to handle the increased call volume today and in the future. Mr. Schreiber made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2nd ambulance; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor's Report – KLC City Day/Night was held in Frankfort and Mayor Link and Mrs. Kettenacker met with many legislators. Cincinnati Bell is now Alta Fiber. PDS met last week regarding new members and new officers and their next meeting will be held April 28, 2022.

Staff Reports – City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police and Recreation – Mayor Link thanked the General Services staff for their hard work on snow removal. Mayor Link stated that all the baseball fields are full at this time.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Shayna Norman and Jennifer Norman, 104 Hummingbird Court – Ms. Norman stated that they have an issue with a neighbor for over a year who owns over 12 dogs. The barking and noise have been a big problem. They have complained and they have not gotten a resolution to this problem. Mr. Dehner stated that this may be a violation of the nuisance ordinance and they be issued a warning and citation. Mr. Dehner stated that our code enforcement officer can come to their property to observe the violation of the neighbor's dogs. Ms. Norman asked if there was a limit of the number of dogs an owner can have. Chief Zurborg stated that the owner has been contacted and they stated they were trying to find homes for the dogs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Dehner presented a recommendation for salary increases for 2022-2023. Mr. Dehner proposed a COLA of 7.8% and no merit increase. Mr. Henson would like to see comparisons with other communities. Mr. Henson asked if there would be any tax increase with this increase. Mr. Dehner stated that no there would not be any tax increases and possibly a drop in property tax. Mrs. Wolking stated she would like to see information from other communities. Mr. Schreiber stated he was surprised the amount wasn't higher as a business owner his expenses are jumping up 10% and continuing to rise. Mr. Dehner stated that he will provide the supporting evidence to council.

Mr. Messmer stated that he is requesting a sign at Brookwood and Dudley Road for the Brookwood Swim Club. He was approached by constituents to put a sign up like the sign that is at Presidents Park for the White House. Mayor Link instructed Mr. Lunnemann to add a sign to the street sign.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2022-03-02 Annual Codification – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: **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.**

Ordinance 2022-03-03 Zoning Amendment – Child Care in Homes – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, KENTUCKY BY (1) ADDING FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AS CONDITIONAL USES IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES WHERE THEY ARE NOT NOW FULLY PERMITTED USES; AND (2) MAKING NECESSARY REVISIONS TO DEFINITIONS AND HEIGHT AND AREA STANDARDS RELATED TO FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 2021 SENATE BILL 148 AND KRS 199.**

Ordinance 2022-03-04 Zoning Amendment – Wall signs and services stations – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING SECTIONS 10.15 AND 14.11 OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, KENTUCKY IN REGARD TO ACCESSORY USES IN THE SC (SHOPPING CENTER) ZONE AND WALL SIGNS IN GENERAL BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.**

Ordinance 2022-03-05 Budget Amendment – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING EDGEWOOD ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06-04 AND THE BUDGET ADOPTED THEREBY FOR THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2022.** Mr. Dehner gave council a summary of the changes.

Resolution 2022-02 – Utilize ARPA funds for government services - Mr. Schreiber made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-02; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Resolution 2022-03 – Authorizing Land and Water Grant Fund - Mrs. Wolking made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-03; second by Mr. Barlage. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- St. Patrick’s Day Craft Grab Bags – limited to the first 50 residents, sign up with Hannah
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 2nd at 2:pm at Freedom Park
- Mark your calendars for May 7th the City Wide Yard Sale at Freedom Park


EXECUTIVE SESSION - per KRS 61.810 (1)(c) – Discussion of proposed or pending litigation.

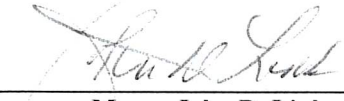
Mr. Henson made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:12 pm per KRS 61.810 (1)(c) Discussion of proposed or pending litigation; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mr. Henson made a motion to exit executive session at 8:53 pm; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barlage made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: 
Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk


Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 3/21/22