

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 17, 2023  
6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER** –Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30pm. The following council members were present: Ben Barlage, Darla Kettenacker, Joe Messmer, Jeff Schreiber, Scott Spille, Rob Thelen and Kim Wolking. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, City Clerk Belinda Nitschke, and City Attorney Frank Wichmann.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – Kurt Hanscom, 232 North Colony – Mr. Hanscom asked to be advised on city projects and the cost of credit card fees. Mr. Hanscom questioned why the Childrens Learning Garden was under unfinished business when it was not discussed at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mayor Link responded that it had been discussed several times over the year and a decision had not been made so therefore it was unfinished business. Mr. Hanscom expressed his interest in the citizens voting on issues in the city. Mayor Link stated that why the citizens vote for city council members and the mayor. Mr. Hanscom expressed concern on when the agenda is published. Mrs. Nitschke corrected Mr. Hanscom and stated that the agenda is published on the website at the same time as council gets their packets and it is the Friday before the meeting. Mr. Hanscom asked when the budget would be published and Mayor Link and Mrs. Nitschke explained that the budget is in the draft form currently and once it is voted on by council and published in the newspaper then it would be available to the public. Mr. Spille ask Mr. Dehner about the credit card fee and what was discussed in the budget caucus. Mr. Dehner stated that the credit card line item is between \$13,000 - \$15,000. Mr. Spille explained the budget process and the fees were discussed but it has not been determined yet how the fees would be handled going forward until the budget process is completed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approved

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – May 1, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Wolking made a **motion** to adopt the May 1, 2023 minutes as written; second by Mr. Spille. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

**REPORT/PRESENTATIONS** – Mayors Report – Get out and vote tomorrow for election day from 6am – 6pm. Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police & Recreation

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Presidents Park Childrens Learning Garden Discussion – Mr. Dehner sent out a memo to council on multiple options for consideration, estimated costs, replacement of the swing sets, options of types of surfaces that could be used and a more commercially designed sensory area. Mr. Dehner stated that these are all preliminary options and budgeting. Council discussed the project options. Mr. Messmer suggested to increase the budget cost to \$50,000 and look at the project further. Council agreed to increase the budget to \$50,000.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Solid Waste and Leaf Collection Update – Mr. Lunnemann presented the Leaf Collection proposal – cost in-house equipment purchase of \$146,000, 5-8 people and estimates it would take an additional 3 full time employees. Total cost to implement in-house would be \$390,600. Mr. Lunnemann stated the contractor cost would be \$73,440 with a yearly additional equipment charge. Total cost for contractor \$83,440 with a 3-year commitment. Council decided not to go forward with leaf collection for the city. Mr. Dehner presented the Solid Waste Fee bid from Rumpke, there were several different options from keeping it the same: twice weekly pickups and once a week recycling with the city billing residents on the annual tax bill to once a week pickup with once a week recycling and Rumpke billing the residents. After discussing, council approved to keep picks the same. The new annual fees will be as follows: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025 at \$342.00, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027 at \$377.00, with an extension for July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2029 at \$415.00.

**ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS** – Ordinance 2023-05-04 Solid Waste Fee – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT AND FEES FOR TWICE A WEEK COLLECTION RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND ONCE PER WEEK RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING COLLECTION.**

Mr. Dehner stated that the landscaping at Senior Center will be done on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

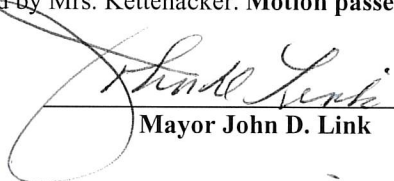
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Memorial Day Ceremony at Freedom Park Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:am
- Free Shred Event for Edgewood Residents in Freedom Park, Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9-noon, ID required. Limited to five brown paper size bags or boxes.
- Chair Yoga at the Senior Center on Thursdays starting June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 :am, must pre-register.
- Doghouse will kick off our Tuesday Night Concert Series on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Band Pavilion in Presidents Park

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.; second by Mrs. Kettenacker. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest:   
 Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk

  
 Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 6/5/23