

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 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, and Kim Wolking. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, City Clerk Belinda Nitschke, and City Attorney Frank Wichmann. Rob Thelen was absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Spille asked to add Credit Card Fees to item #10.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 15, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Wolking made a **motion** to adopt the May 15, 2023 minutes as written; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Mayors Report – Mayor Link thanked everyone who participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Credit Card Fees were discussed by council. Mr. Spille is not against using credit cards but would like to add a 3% fee to use one. Mr. Schreiber stated that adding on the additional fee would cause more work for the city employees and he does not see the need. Mr. Dehner stated that the fees have been in the budget for 9 years approximately \$18,000 and is part of the budget and the cost of doing business. Mrs. Nitschke clarified that the \$18,000 is not just credit card fees but also the cost to process and use credit cards. Mrs. Kettenacker asked if the residents using credit cards are getting a discount on their taxes by using a credit card. Mr. Spille would like to see that \$15,000 be used for parks, crosswalks, or public safety. Mr. Messmer asked what it costs to process a bad check. Mr. Dehner explained it was a \$25 fee plus any additional legal fees if Mr. Wichmann needs to get involved. Mr. Spille made a **motion** to charge a 3% processing fee on all credit card charges; second by Mrs. Kettenacker. Mr. Messmer, Mr. Schreiber and Mrs. Wolking voted nay. Mayor Link abstained. **Motion failed: 3 ayes – 3 nays – 1 abstention.**

NEW BUSINESS – MRAF Public Hearing Regarding the use of Municipal Road Aid Funds – The City expects to receive approximately \$186,000 in Municipal Road Aid in FY 2023/2024. No written comments have been received; the hearing is now open for public comment. No public comments were made. MRAF Public Hearing closed at 6:58 p.m.

Mr. Schreiber requested a road update on Dudley Road and Charter Oak Road. Mr. Dehner gave the following update: Dudley Road Phase I and II are close to being closed out, final paperwork and final reimbursement. Drawings for Phase III and IV have been submitted to the State and they have returned a list of corrections on the blueprints. District 6 now has them and anticipate approval within the month. The next phase is the State issuing a contract. Hopefully bids can go out by September or October. Storm water work has been started in anticipation of the start of Dudley Road Phase III & IV. The city is still working on the lane expansion with St. Pius. CT Consultants has been notified to start design on Charter Oak. They will be attending the August council meeting to get direction on the design.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2023-05-04 Solid Waste Fee – 2nd 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.** Mrs. Kettenacker made a **motion** to adopt Ordinance 2023-05-04; second by Mr. Spille. **Motion passed 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Ordinance 2023-06-05 – Budget FY 2023-2024 – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL PAY PLAN BRACKETS FOR THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2023.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

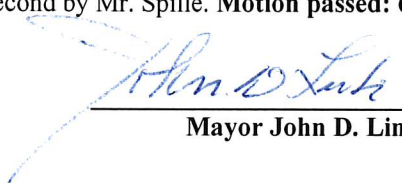
- Tuesday Night Concert Series in Presidents Park at 7:pm with Doghouse on June 13th, The Remains on June 20th, and County Wide on June 27th.
- Join us for Goat Yoga in Presidents Park on June 17th, class is limited, must pre-register, \$10 residents, \$20 non-residents.
- Register now to participate in the 4th of July Parade at edgewoodky.gov under the Parks and Recreation tab.
- No council meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barlage made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.; second by Mr. Spille. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: 

 Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk



 Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 7/17/23