

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
EDGEWOOD LIBERTY HALL**

August 21, 2023

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:48pm at Edgewood Liberty Hall (550 Freedom Park Drive). The following council members were present: Ben Barlage, Darla Kettenacker, Joe Messmer, Jeff Schreiber, Scott Spille, and Rob Thelen. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, City Clerk Belinda Nitschke, and City Attorney Frank Wichmann. Mrs. Wolking was absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Jessica Schabell, 3064 Village Drive – Mrs. Schabell requested that council consider “no soliciting” signs and regulations for solicitors as an option for residents to sign up for. Mayor Link stated the city would look into the issue and get back with information at the next meeting. Mr. Dehner stated that they would look into how to enforce it and report back to council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 7, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to adopt the August 7, 2023 minutes as written; second by Mr. Barlage. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – **Proclamation 2023-03** - Mayor Link presented to Ryan and Michelle Jaeger of Peace, Love and Little Donuts with the proclamation and a key to the city in recognition of their new business.

Mayors Report – Mayor Link stated that the Municipal Government League is meeting at the NKADD on August 29th 6-8pm in Florence, KY. KLC Conference will be held on September 19th – 22nd. Mayor’s Group met on Saturday in Ludlow and discussed road plans, marijuana and education that will be discussed in Frankfort in the legislative session. The storm water project at Lawrence Drive is on-going and with the water line break will continue to have slow downs with traffic and advises to find alternate routes. The Dudley Road project will start in 2024-25 for upgrades.

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

Edgewood Soccer Association – Chris Caskey and Tom Evegán presented to council a proposal to turf over Freedom Park baseball field. The organization has 434 players U6-14, 43 teams with 92% are Edgewood residents and 96% attend Edgewood schools. They wanted to also address problems with parking and field maintenance. Mr. Dehner thanked them for coming to the council meeting and opening-up communication. Mr. Caskey stated they had received a quote to turf over the baseball field and would cover the cost. Council discussed the use of Freedom Park – parking spaces, pickle ball courts, baseballs fields and soccer fields. Council agreed to turf over the baseball field at Freedom Park and keep the backstop and dugouts.

CT Consultants presented the improvements to Charter Oak Road – Mark Brueggemann and Marty Hellmann presented upgrades to Charter Oak Road and the redesign of the Dudley Road and Charter Oak Road intersection to council. CT Consultants identified the following issues: cul-de-sac is oddly shaped and is just an abrupt end of the road, area around Garden Way there are drainage issues, site distant issues along the road, narrow road can be good and bad, three humps identified to be corrected, and sharper radius turn at Sandalwood. A resident was concerned about speed on the road and is interested in stop signs and/or speed humps to help deal with speeding on the street. Mr. Dehner asked if council is interested in adding stop signs to the street. Council voiced concerns about safety on the street and are interested in looking at stop signs and crosswalks on the street. CT Consultants will be reviewing the traffic counts and the history of accidents on the street. CT Consultants presented a re-design of the Dudley Road and Charter Oak Road intersection by straightening the curve, less of an abrupt turn and properly align with the entrance to the school. The redesign includes turn lanes in all directions. Mr. Dehner stated that the city may need to

start surveying the utilities to determine what will need to be moved, etc. once the property purchase is complete by KCSD. The estimated cost is \$2,000,000.00. The estimated timeline for construction would be to begin in 2025.

Mr. Spille left the meeting at 8:13pm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Messmer made a **motion** to cancel the September 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Eric Bunzow, Kenton County Clerk’s Office – presented to council the three different spellings of Terabet Drive. It is spelt Terebet, Terabet and Terrebet and that one name would need to be set for the street for voter registration purposes. Council decided to contact the family to determine the correct spelling.

Mr. Dehner presented to council the rules regarding waste container storage locations via ordinance. Mr. Dehner asked council to determine if they wish to enforce these rules. Mr. Dehner asked council to discuss this issue. Council decided to amend the ordinance to allow cans in front of the house with limitations on the number of containers allowed.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – **Municipal Order 2023-05** – Surplus 2012 Ford Taurus. Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order 2023-05; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Ordinance 2023-08-08 – Fiscal Year 23/24 Property Tax Rate – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD IN KENTON COUNTY KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, THAT IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR CITY PURPOSES, BY THE USE OF THE ANNUAL COUNTY ASSESSMENT THEREOF BY THE PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR OF KENTON COUNTY; AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH BEGINS JULY 1, 2023, AT THE RATE OF \$0.226 DOLLARS FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS OF THE VALUATION THEREOF SO ASSESSED; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES, AND PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; AND DESCRIBING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH TAXES SO COLLECTED SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND USED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

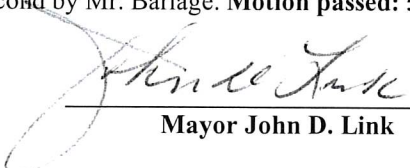
- Tuesday Night Summer Concert Series comes to an end with Vinyl Countdown Band August 22nd
- Edgewood Night at Strike & Spare in Erlanger on September 14th 4-9pm. Stop by the City Building to pick up vouchers for this event.
- One World, Many Cultures with Cincinnati Childrens Museum at Liberty Hall (aka Edgewood Senior Center) September 19th from 6-7:pm – must pre-register by calling the City Building
- Free Touch-A-Truck event in Freedom Park on October 7th from Noon-2:pm.

Mayor Link announced that Erika Skiles will be starting on September 18, 2023 as the new Program Coordinator.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Messmer made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.; second by Mr. Barlage. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: 
Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk


Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 9/18/23