

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 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 – Chris Cook, Brookwood Drive wanted to thank the first responders and the city for assistance with the flooding at Anthony and Jessica Colley's home at 798 Ashfield Court on July 18th. The home had over 6 feet of water in the basement. The police department were already on scene and contacted the fire department to help pump out the basement and contacted Duke Energy to turn off the electric. Mr. Cook thanked Mr. Dehner for his help with SD1 and thanked the city for all their help with the flood. Mr. Colley again thanked the city and first responders for their quick and professional assistance. Ryan McLane also wanted to thank the first responders and city for their help as well. Mr. Cook thanked Dr. Spille for coming to assist as well. Dr. Spille also complimented the police and fire department for their quick and professional response.

Bob Rose, 104 Whippoorwill Drive built his house in 1979. There are 8 houses on the street. Mr. Rose expressed his concern with traffic and speeders on the street and it has increased with the installation of the traffic light at Turkeyfoot Road. Mr. Rose would like to install speed humps on the street. Mayor Link stated that there is a process to determine if speed humps should be installed. Mr. Rose asked that council consider it. Mr. Dehner explained the process for determination.

Kurt Hanscom, 232 N. Colony requested an updated project list. Mr. Dehner stated he would get it to him.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Messmer asked to add item #11 Old Fire Truck. Dr. Spille asked to add item #20 Safe Internet Zone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 21, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to adopt the August 21, 2023 minutes as written; second by Mr. Thelen. Dr. Spille and Mrs. Wolking abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 2 abstentions.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Link introduced the new Program Coordinator, Erika Skiles.

Mayors Report – The KLC Convention will be held in Lexington, KY this week and he will report back at the next meeting.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police & Recreation – Mr. Dehner gave a Dudley Road update – The month of October is the federal government release of funds and he hopes to get a contract from OKI to go forward with bidding the project. Mr. Dehner stated that design is done and the city started the storm water work. Council discussed the cost of the Madonna and St. Pius traffic light/left lane project and the benefits and whether to go forward with that portion of the project. Council requested that the engineer come to the next meeting to make a presentation regarding this section of the project.

Dr. Spille asked about the status on the purchase of the Marathon by KCSO. Mr. Dehner spoke to the environmental company about tanks at the shelter and once the environmental review is complete it will be sent down to state for approval of the purchase.

Dr. Spille asked about the estimated completion of the storm water project on Dudley Road. Mr. Dehner stated that the work is complete on Dudley Road at Lawrence but they will need to complete the concrete work on Lawrence.

Council discussed the correct spelling of Terabet Court and whether Dudley should be called Dudley Road or Dudley Pike. Council agreed to Terabet Court and Dudley Road, they asked Mr. Wichmann to draw up the ordinances to establish the names of both roads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Trash Container Location – Council discussed the different options presented by Mr. Dehner regarding where to place trash containers.

Old Fire Truck - Mr. Messmer stated that there is still no resolution for the Old Fire Truck and the cost to store the truck would be about \$300/month and the volunteer association cannot afford it. Mr. Dehner stated that the fire house is full and it can no longer be stored there. Council discussed different solutions for storing the truck: the city paying for storage, building a shed in the parking lot, the volunteers gifting the truck to the city, etc. Mr. Wichmann stated that concerns on expending money in support of a 501(c)(3) is valid and for a vehicle that the city does not own. Council determined that they would like more information before proceeding.

NEW BUSINESS – Safe Internet Zone – Dr. Spille discussed an incident in Ft. Mitchell where individuals met for an internet sale regarding a phone and one of them pulled a gun. The City of Ft. Wright has a safe internet zone in their parking lot. Dr. Spille is proposing that the city consider implementing this and have a space under surveillance in our parking lot. Mr. Dehner explained the liability that the city would take on by providing the safe zone.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2023-08-08 – Fiscal Year 23/24 Property Tax Rate – 2nd 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.** Dr. Spille made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-08-08; second by Mrs. Kettenacker. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Municipal Order 2023-06 – Surplus 2004 Rescue/Pumper. Assistant Chief Schaefer explained that the rescue pumper does not support the services that they need to provide to the city. Mr. Schreiber made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2023-06; second by Mr. Thelen. Mr. Messmer and Dr. Spille voted nay. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 2 nays.**

Municipal Order 2023-07 – Surplus various Emergency Warning Equipment. Mrs. Kettenacker made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2023-07; second by Dr. Spille. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Free Chair Yoga (for 50+) on Wednesdays starting October 4th – November 1st at Liberty Hall (AKA Edgewood Senior Center) from 11:am – Noon, pre-register by calling the City Building.
- Free Touch-A-Truck event in Freedom Park on October 7th from Noon-2: pm.
- Spooky Sunday in Presidents Park – October 15th, costume parade from St. Pius at 3:45, festivities start at 4: pm. In the event of rain, this event will be cancelled.
- Reindeer Workshop on October 29th at Adams Shelter, first 12 families.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Spille made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.; second by Mrs. Wolking. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: _____


Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk



Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: _____

10/2/23