

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2024
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – City Administrator Brian Dehner requested nominations to appoint a council member to chair the meeting, in the absence of Mayor Link. Mr. Messmer made a **motion** to nominate Mr. Schreiber; second by Mr. Barlage. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.** Mr. Schreiber called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30pm. The following council members were present: Ben Barlage, Joe Messmer, Jeff Schreiber, Scott Spille, Rob Thelen and Kim Wolking. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, Senior Deputy Clerk Michelle Frisch, and Kim Quinn, Wichmann & Associates. Mayor Link and Council member Darla Kettenacker were absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Matthew, Boy Scout with Troop 236, stated that he was here working on his citizenship and community merit badge.

Kurt Hanscom, 232 N. Colony Drive. Mr. Hanscom asked if residents would be able to comment on items on the agenda during the meeting. Mr. Schreiber stated that they could comment at that time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Dr. Spille asked Mr. Dehner for an update on Dudley Road construction and the Dudley Road and Charter Oak intersection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 5, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Wolking made a **motion** to adopt the February 5, 2024 minutes as written; second by Dr. Spille. Mr. Messmer abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Chief Dickman presented the retirement and years of service awards. Chief Dickman stated that at five years of service were Brian Baumann, Trevor Bidwell and Chad Lucas, 10 years of service Capt. Tony Lauman, 25 years of service David McMillan. Scott Meiners retired after 28 years of service. Mr. Joe Messmer retired from the department after 58 years of service, joining in 1966 and serving as fire chief from 1980-2006.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police & Recreation – Mr. Dehner gave council and update on Dudley Road and the approval process required with KYDOT. Mr. Dehner is anticipating a possible start date in September with a caveat for school schedules and a completion in FY2026. Mr. Dehner stated that the Dudley Road and Charter Oak alignment could go out for bid in January 2025, contract award in March, start in May and possible completion by FY 2025. Dr. Spille thanked Mr. Lunnemann for the update on the Freedom Park restroom repairs. Dr. Spille asked Mr. Lunnemann if there was standard striping at intersections for road projects at all stop signs or only at major intersections. Mr. Dehner responded that they are only done at major intersections. Mr. Schreiber commented that he attended the Mystery Dinner and it was outstanding and would recommend everyone attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Discussion of Historic Fire Pumper Truck Storage – Mr. Schreiber gave a recap of the meetings noting that this issue was brought up in October 2023 and council voted to approve a building to store the fire truck for \$20,000. Mr. Dehner researched the cost and determined it would cost an additional \$10,000 to build the building minus the electric, make the building a little bigger to eliminate the storage fees we are currently paying for the Christmas decorations. Mr. Dehner stated that it was up to council to determine if they wish to spend the funds on the building.

Mr. Kurt Hanscom, 232 N. Colony – Mr. Hanscom handed out a document to council in regards to the size of the building and the necessity for the size. Mr. Hanscom stated his belief that there was not a need to build the storage facility and asked about other out buildings that the city owned. Mr. Dehner stated that the size being built was due to the need to be able to get around the truck, open the doors and perform maintenance and store the Christmas decorations. The garage in Presidents Park is filled with the parks equipment as well as an office for storing

chemicals. Mr. Dehner stated that Mayor Link thought that additional space would be a good business decision and a viable use of the building by investing more money and eliminating the cost of storing the Christmas decorations.

Mr. Brad Hanna, 3048 Hergott – Mr. Hanna asked if the fire truck goes out for public viewing and how does putting it in storage benefit the citizens. Mr. Messmer responded that the truck is used in public events, parades, and public educational events for children. Mr. Messmer stated it was the original fire truck for the city. Mr. Hanna asked if the truck would be stored in a city owned facility. Mr. Dehner stated that it would be a city owned facility and that the city has stored the truck since 1997 in the fire house but there is no longer room to store it. Mr. Messmer gave a brief history and the origins of the fire truck and the volunteer fire department with the city.

Dr. Spille read a letter from Mrs. Kettenacker that expressed that she opposed the city expending city monies on the storage building.

Mr. Barlage made a **motion** for the additional funds to build the storage building; second by Mrs. Wolking. Dr. Spille voted nay. Mr. Schreiber abstained. **Motion passed: 4 ayes - 1 nay - 1 abstention**

Discussion of Golf Cart Ordinance – Sgt. Buchanan stated that at this time golf carts are not allowed in the city on the roads or sidewalks. Council discussed the safety concerns, underage drivers, and the enforcement of the ordinance. Sgt. Buchanan stated that the city needs to consider risk vs. reward and that the risk is to public safety especially if they are allowed on Dudley Road.

Mr. Danny Greene, 3084 Hergott – Mr. Greene stated we need clarity on what is and is not allowed. Mr. Greene stated that the Kenton County Sheriff will inspect golf carts for \$10. Mr. Greene stated that he could drive a golf cart that has been inspected, licensed and street legal on a street that is 35 mph or under at this time. Mr. Greene stated that without the ordinance you are leaving everything up to interpretation.

Mr. Mike Thelen, 3061 Magnolia, stated that the city needs to pass the ordinance to set rules and enforce it. If the city does not pass an ordinance, then there are no rules and they can ride on Dudley Road.

Mr. Dehner stated that non-license/non-registered vehicles are not allowed to drive on the streets.

Mr. Tom Goeke, 2991 Homestead – Mr. Goeke stated that there have been no incidents with traveling on the sidewalk in his golf cart. Mr. Goeke stated that he is very polite and pulls off to the side. Mr. Goeke stated that a golf cart on Dudley Road is very vulnerable and hopes the ordinance is not too restrictive.

Council requested that Mr. Wichmann draft an ordinance with the restrictions discussed at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Resolution 2024-01 – Approving the KDC Joinder Agreement. Mrs. Wolking made a **motion** to adopt Resolution 2024-01; second by Mr. Schreiber. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 23rd at 2:pm in Freedom Park
- Chair Yoga starts April 1st, this class is free must be 50 or over. Held at Liberty Hall.
- Health and Wellness Expo is April 18th at Liberty Hall, all ages are welcome from 2-4pm.

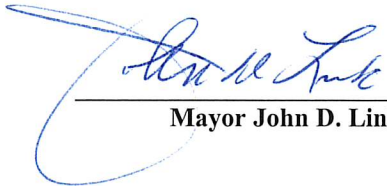
EXECUTIVE SESSION – session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) – Discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret. Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to enter into executive at 7:50pm per KRS 61.810(1)(f) Discussion which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mr. Messmer made a **motion** to exit executive session at 8:15pm; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Spille made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: 
Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk


Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 3/18/24