

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2024
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, Scott Spille, Rob Thelen and Kim Wolking. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, City Clerk Belinda Nitschke, and City Attorney Frank Wichmann. Council member Jeff Schreiber was absent. Other staff members present: Assistant Fire Chief Jim Schaefer, Police Chief Jimmy Kreinest and General Services Director Rick Lunnemann.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Angela Holland, 3110 Edge Mar – Mrs. Holland stated that she made a presentation a few weeks ago and wanted to know if council had considered jointing the Arbor Day Foundation. Mrs. Holland asked about the process to get a suggestion from a resident moving forward. Mayor Link responded that the budget had just been passed, that trees are very important but there are also other priorities in the city as well such as infrastructure, safety with the police and fire departments and roads & sidewalks. Mrs. Holland stressed the importance of trees in the community. Mr. Dehner explained that the city does plant a lot of trees and especially when one is removed for a project the city plants another. Mr. Dehner stated that the city has planted over 100 trees in the past five years. Mr. Lunnemann will get council information about the program and present it to council so they may decide. Mrs. Kettenacker thanked Mrs. Holland for bringing this information to the city and stressed how important trees are to the city. Dr. Spille reiterated what the process is to present issues and ideas to council and the budgetary timeline for doing so.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes – Dr. Spille made a **motion** to approve the June 17, 2024 minutes as written; second by Mrs. Wolking. Mrs. Kettenacker abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Mayors Report – Mayor Link thanked the police department, fire department, general services department and everyone who worked so hard to make July 4th a success. Mrs. Kettenacker thanked and congratulated General Services for their hard work in cleaning up after the concert and fireworks. Mayor Link stated that we had 913 runners for the 5K, parade was enjoyed by many and the rain held off! The Municipal Government League is having a Freedom Y'all baseball game social event on July 30th \$10/per person. The KLC Conference and Expo will be held on September 24th – 27th in Lexington.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police & Recreation – Dr. Spille asked about delinquent taxes. Mrs. Nitschke stated that the city is in the process of collecting the delinquent taxes and it is approximately 86 properties at \$20,000. Dr. Spille stated that he has a friend in hospice that really had a great view of the fireworks as well as other people at St. Elizabeth and they were well done. Mr. Barlage stated that the residents in the cul-de-sac on Winding Trails are very happy with the work that was done and that the space is usable now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Medicinal Cannabis Discussion – Council discussed the pros and cons of medicinal cannabis, zoning and location issues and types of businesses that could be allowed. Council decided to not put it on the ballot in the election. Mrs. Wolking asked for a consensus from council to determine their position on the medicinal cannabis issue. Mrs. Kettenacker, Mr. Messmer, Mr. Thelen and Mrs. Wolking were against the issue. Dr. Spille and Mr. Barlage were in favor but with limitations. Council decided to add this issue back to the agenda for the second meeting in September.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – None

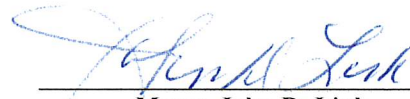
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday Night Concert Series in Presidents Park at 7:pm – July 16th Velvet Soul, July 23rd with Eight Daze Sober and July 30th with HiFi Honey.
- Register now for Free Tai Chi Classes, Thursdays in August, 1-2:pm at Liberty Hall.
- Edgewood Night at Erlanger Putt-Putt is August 4th from 4-6: pm.
- Mr. Barlage announced that this Saturday, July 20th is Edgewood Day at Brookwood Swim Club 11am – 9: pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Messmer made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.; second by Dr. Spille. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: 
Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk


Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 8/5/24