

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 7, 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, Jeff Schreiber, Rob Thelen and Kim Wolking. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, Senior Deputy Clerk Michelle Frisch and Kim Quinn, Wichmann & Associates. Other staff members present: Asst. Fire Chief Jim Schaefer and Police Chief Jimmy Kreinest. Council member Scott Spille was absent.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – Mr. Hanscom, 232 N. Colony – Mr. Hanscom stated in the past he put in an open records request for the credit card fees but could not discern how much was spent on American Express. Mr. Hanscom stated it has been said he is a “shill” for American Express but that is not the case. Mr. Hanscom tried to pay two other taxes with his American Express but they did not accept them. Mr. Hanscom stated that if the city did not accept American Express and took only Visa, they would save a little money.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Dehner asked council when they would like to discuss the clock tower project. Council agreed to discuss the project at the next council meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024. Mr. Dehner will provide the cost to just paint the clock tower at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 16, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Kettenacker made a **motion** to approve the September 16, 2024 minutes as written; second by Mrs. Wolking. Mr. Barlage abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.**

**REPORT/PRESENTATIONS** – Mayor Link stated that he, Brian Dehner and Mrs. Kettenacker attended the KLC Expo last week. Mayor Link congratulate Mrs. Kettenacker for achieving Level Three in the Masters of City Government. Mayor Link stated that the KLC Expo was very well attended. Mayor Link stated that some of the issues that KLC will be working on for the legislative agenda are revenue diversification, restaurant revenue, substance abuse, alcohol licenses, overcrowding of jails and disaster response funds. Mayor Link stated that the City of Mayfield was previously hit by a tornado and they are breaking ground for a new city building. Mayor Link stated that they have appointed the first female Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice, Debra Hembree Lambert will begin her term in January 2025. Mayor Link thanked council and staff on helping to lower the property tax rate to 0.186 due to the frugal and prudent practices of the city and council.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Interlocal Agreement with the Housing Authority of Covington. This agreement is the transferring of obligation RE: HCV/Section 8 from the City of Covington to the Housing Authority of Covington. The original agreement was adopted by the cities of Kenton County as well as the County Fiscal Court in 1983 authorizing the City of Covington to operate the program on behalf of all cities in Kenton County. Mrs. Wolking made a **motion** to adopt the Interlocal Agreement with the Housing Authority of Covington; second by Mr. Barlage. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Lending Library Box Program – Mayor Link warned council that the city cannot remove any literature from the boxes even if they are inappropriate and that KLC will not ensure the city in regards to this issue should the city be sued. Mr. Dehner stated that the city would be required to install another box should another group request it. Mr. Schreiber stated that the city has had a box at Hinsdale for ten years and there have been no issues. Mrs. Wolking stated that she has worked with the Kenton County Library with three boxes in Erlanger and has had no issues and the contract is only for one (1) year. Council discussed the issue further. Mrs. Wolking made a **motion** for the mayor to sign an agreement with the Kenton County Library for a Lending Library Box Program; second by Mr. Schreiber. Mr. Thelen voted nay. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 nay.**

**ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS** – **Municipal Order 2024-07** – Surplus Various City items. Mrs. Kettenacker made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order 2024-07; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Fall Chair Yoga on Wednesdays starting October 9<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Hall from 11-Noon. Must be 50 or older, pre-register with Erika
- Spooky Sunday in Presidents Park – October 20<sup>th</sup>, costume parade from St. Pius at 3:45, festivities start at 4: pm. In the event of rain, this event will be cancelled.

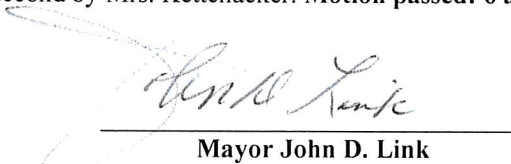
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.; second by Mrs. Kettenacker. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest:



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Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk

  
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Mayor John D. Link

Date passed:

10/21/24