

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 21, 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, Scott Spille, Rob Thelen and Kim Wolking. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, City Clerk Belinda Nitschke and City Attorney Frank Wichmann. Other staff members present: Fire Chief Tom Dickman and General Services Director, Rick Lunnemann.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – August Hiltz and Matthew Sandfoss with Boy Scout Troop 779 at St. Pius attended the meeting for a badge. Mayor Link gave each scout a city coin for attending.

Mr. Jim Noll, 1 Lyndale Road – Mr. Noll asked the council's help in reigning in the destructive tree trimming conducted by Duke Energy in the city. Mayor Link stated that the city has no control over Duke Energy and that they are trimming them to protect the lines and citizens. Mr. Noll asked if council had any influence on the issue with Duke. Mayor Link stated Duke Energy has the right to work in the right of way but that the city will investigate it.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mrs. Kettenacker asked for a Victory Park update. Mr. Dehner stated that there is not an update at this time and that a survey still needs to be conducted with the residents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – October 7, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Wolking made a **motion** to approve the October 7, 2024 minutes as written; second by Mr. Thelen. Dr. Spille abstained. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 abstention.**

**REPORT/PRESENTATIONS** – Mayor Link thanked the staff and volunteers who helped with Spooky Sunday and stated it was well attended. Mayor Link announced the Municipal Government League will have another meeting at the end of the month and get the details to council if they wish to attend.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police and Recreation – Dr. Spille asked Chief Dickman about a grant from FEMA that the city did not receive in regards to a CPR mechanical assist and cardiac monitor. Chief Dickman explained that the grant was for \$74,000 and that the requests for monies was around 37 billion in requests to FEMA for 324 million in grant funding. Chief Dickman stated that the fire departments statistics did not move them out of the first round of review. Chief Dickman's recommendation is to move forward with purchasing a CPR mechanical assist device to put on the engine and re-evaluate the cardiac monitors the department has. Mr. Schreiber asked if fencing would be installed around the new playground at Freedom Park? Mr. Dehner said he could price it out and put it in the budget priorities and council can vote on it. Mrs. Wolking told Mr. Lunnemann that the picnic shelters in the parks look great. Dr. Spille stated that the striping and new painted crosswalks along Dudley Road look great and are a terrific safety enhancement.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Presidents Park Clock Tower discussion – Council discussed different options for the clock tower. Council decided to keep the clock tower and spruce it up by painting it but not totally redo the clock tower. Mr. Dehner will get pricing and bring it back to council.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

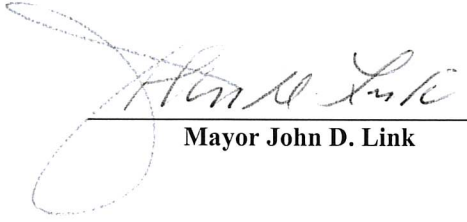
- Trick or treating in Edgewood is 6-8:pm on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Winter Canvas Painting Class is November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:pm at Liberty Hall. Pre-registration is required.

- Fall Floral Arrangement Class is November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:pm at Liberty Hall. Pre-registration is required.
- Letters to Santa can be dropped off in Santa's mailbox at the city building November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.; second by Dr. Spille. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest:   
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Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk

  
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Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 11/18/24