

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 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, Police Chief James “Jimmy” Kreinest and Public Works Director, Rick Lunnemann.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Kurt Hanscom, 232 N. Colony – Mr. Hanscom stated that the city Christmas lights look good this year. Mr. Hanscom passed out to council the Bellevue newsletter and Ft. Mitchell budget document which he stated he emailed to all the council members as well. Mr. Hanscom asked if the budget amendment was posted on the website yet. Mrs. Nitschke stated it would be posted this evening.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved

PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Link presented council member, Kim Wolking with **Proclamation 2024-04** declaring December 26th as Kim Wolking Day in Edgewood. Mayor Link thanked Mrs. Wolking for her service on council.

Mayor Link presented council member, Darla Kettenacker with **Proclamation 2024-05** declaring December 27th as Darla Kettenacker Day in Edgewood. Mayor Link thanked Mrs. Kettenacker for her service on council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 2, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes – Dr. Spille made a **motion** to approve the December 2, 2024 minutes as written; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORTS

Mayor Link stated the CERS employer rate will be lowered beginning July 2025 - non-hazardous from \$19.71 to \$18.62 and hazardous from \$38.61 to \$35.73. Mayor Link stated that Senator Chris McDaniel has been renamed to the Kentucky Senate Appropriation and Revenues Committee. Mayor Link stated there was a great attendance for the Behringer-Crawford train night and many canned goods donated. The home decorating contest was a great success and 100 ribbons have been awarded and 9 winners are posted on the website. Mayor Link stated that the mayor’s group meeting was this past Saturday at the Kenton County Administration building and many items were discussed such as Centralized State Payroll withholding by the state and no one was in favor of this. Mayor Link stated that Kenton County has begun working on the parking garage at the administration building and they will be building apartments and/or condos on top. Mayor Link stated that a Chick-fil-A distribution center will be opening in Elsmere creating approximately 100 to 200 jobs. The NKY Water District attended as well and discussed the quality of water and the concern of lead in water and residents should check their pipes. Mayor Link asked for an alternate for the PDS council to replace Mrs. Wolking. Mr. Schreiber volunteered to be the alternate for the PDS council. Mayor Link asked for a volunteer for the TBNK Board to replace Mrs. Kettenacker. Mr. Barlage volunteered to work on the TBNK Board.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, General Services, Police and Recreation – Dr. Spille stated that an update on Charter Road and Tupman is scheduled for the next meeting. Mr. Dehner stated that the engineer is finishing up design work and will be ready for the next meeting. Dr. Spille asked for a timeline on Dudley Road Phase 3 and 4. Mr. Dehner stated if the city bids it by April, then the anticipated completion date will be in Fall in 2026. Dr. Spille asked about door locks and cameras for the city building. Mr. Dehner stated that we are currently limping along with the current locks so the issue will need to be addressed soon. Mr. Dehner stated that council will need to address the urgency of cameras due to liability issues at Presidents Park and Liberty Hall with recent incidents that have occurred. Mrs. Kettenacker asked about adding heaters to the Presidents Park back restrooms to keep them open year-round. Mr. Dehner stated that the city is looking into the heaters as well as new doors and locks to keep them open. Mr. Dehner stated that the front restrooms in Presidents Park are open year-round.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Cardiac Monitor and CPR device discussion, Chief Dickman – Chief Dickman presented four (4) options for new cardiac monitors and CPR devices including the additions for Unit #152. Chief Dickman stated that the cost for cardiac monitors as almost doubled in cost as well as the service agreements. Chief Dickman stated that three advantages to the new cardiac monitors is that it will still monitor while performing CPR on the patient, it has a larger touch screen making it easier to read and better connectivity. Council discussed all options. Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to approve Option #4 of Chief Dickman’s proposal to purchase 3 LifePac 35 monitors, trade in two older LifePac 15 monitors and upgrade to a service contract for all three for 7 years. Total cost \$254,715.00 paid over six years; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2024-12-06 – Budget Amendment – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the following: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025 THAT WAS ADOPTED BY EDGEWOOD ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06-04.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

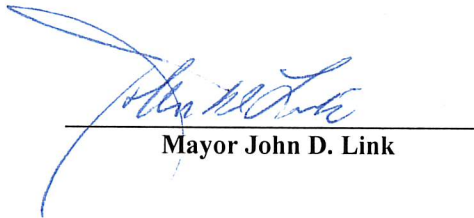
- Property taxes are due December 31st. Penalties and Interest will be assessed on January 1st.
- Sign up now for Astronomy Night, January 24th at 7:PM in Freedom Park, space is limited.
- Family Ice Skating at NKY Ice Center on January 26th, 5:30-7:30, Free for the first 150 residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Kettenacker made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.; second by Mrs. Wolking. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**



Attest: _____
Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk



Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 2/3/25