

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2025
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. Ruehl. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.** Mr. Schreiber called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 pm. The following council members were present: Ben Barlage, Joe Messmer, W. Jamie Ruehl, Jeff Schreiber, Bridget Grady Spears, Scott Spille, and Rob Thelen. 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 General Services Director Rick Lunnemann. Mayor Link was absent. Mr. Schreiber thanked everyone for their support and messages on the passing of his father Albert Schreiber.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Dehner added item #20 – KCPC Text Amendment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 3, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to approve the March 3, 2025 minutes as written; second by Mr. Thelen. Mr. Schreiber and Dr. Spille abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 2 abstentions.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Lucas Elam, Program Coordinator – Mr. Dehner introduced Mr. Elam to the council stating he previously started as an intern for the city in November of 2024. Mr. Elam introduced himself to council, he has worked in the City of Edgewood for the last six years at LaRosa’s on Dudley Road while earning his undergraduate degree and currently his master’s in Public Administration from NKU. Mr. Elam stated as the new Program Coordinator he wanted to bring some of the memories he had as a kid back to the city. Mr. Schreiber stated that he has been asked several times to bring back the recreation committee to the city, the children’s garden group would like to start some program and his wife would like to start a winter wonderland event in the city.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, General Services and Police – Mr. Dehner stated that the Dudley Road project will get going one day, there have been issues that the State has brought up as well as issues with the engineer. Mr. Dehner stated they are making progress. The deadline for Brandstetter Carroll to finalize their plan set is next Friday for submission to the state. Mr. Dehner explained to council some of the right-of-way issues with the project and the possibility of asking council to deal with this issue once the project is complete. Mr. Dehner stated that the city is not requiring Duke Energy to move any poles but identified a few they may want to look at. Mr. Dehner discussed the timeline of the project noting it is funded in the 2025 federal budget and once the plans are submitted to KYTC we may still be able to bid this out in the summer. Dr. Spille asked Chief Dickman about the onboarding and training of the new cardiac monitors. Chief Dickman stated the Lucas device is now operational and they are working on the Life Pack devices now and have had initial training and hope to have them installed by the end of March or early April.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – KCPC Text Amendment – Mr. Dehner explained the change requested for the zoning on Barnwood Drive is to remove colleges and/or universities and to clean up the language; clarify the zoning that falls within the Z21 update. PDS has approved this change and if council does not take action, it will be approved in 60 days. Mr. Hargus presented the following information to council in regards to his daughter’s non-profit dance studio- Strive Dance Collection. She is currently leasing the studio but plans to purchase it. The building is located at 2902 Foltz Drive. Michelle the owner of Strive explained that an additional group from Erlanger would be joining the studio and that she is continuing to lease the property and would like the text amendment to move forward as quickly as possible so she may purchase the property. Mr. Schreiber explained that if council approved the text amendment this evening it would still need to be passed by ordinance and that would take time. Mr. Thelen made a

motion to accept PDS’s recommendation for the KCPC Text Amendment; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2025-03-02 – Annual Codification – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the following: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, KENTUCKY.**

Municipal Order 2025-03 – Surplus Fire Department Items – Dr. Spille made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order 2025-03; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tomorrow night March 18th – In Liberty Hall, kids in Grades 3-6 can Tour the Solar System with the Cincinnati Museum Center, event starts at 6: pm. Please pre-register.
- Astronomy Night with CAS in Presidents Park is March 22nd at 9: pm. Space is limited; pre-registration is required.
- Spring Chair Yoga at Liberty Hall starts April 2nd from 11:am – Noon. Please pre-register.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt for ages 3-8 is Saturday, April 12th in Freedom Park. Event starts at 2:pm arrive early or you’ll miss it.
- Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest: Belinda Nitschke
Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk

John D. Link
Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: 4/7/25