

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2025
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 pm. The following council members were present: Ben Barlage, Joe Messmer, Jeff Schreiber, and Rob Thelen. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, City Clerk Belinda Nitschke, and City Attorney Frank Wichmann. Other staff members present: Assistant Fire Chief Jim Schaefer, Sergeant Jarod Buchanan, and General Services Director Rick Lunnemann. Council members W. Jamie Ruehl, Bridget Grady Spears, and Scott Spille were absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 7, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to approve the April 7, 2025 minutes as written; second by Mr. Thelen. Mr. Messmer abstained. **Motion passed: 3 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Daniel Schafer, Moreton Capital Markets – Moreton Capital Markets conducts investments for local governments and various cities and counties. Mr. Schafer grew up in Edgewood, Kentucky and went to Covington Catholic High School. Mr. Schafer stated that Moreton Capital Markets provides monthly reports as well as proactive communication. They provide transparency and no monthly or sign-up fees. They also follow all state statutes. Mr. Schafer presented the council with options that could earn the city extra interest income while maintaining flexibility. Mr. Schafer answered the council's questions regarding the funds. They are licensed in Kentucky, will give in-person updates twice a year and monthly reports.

Mayor Link stated he received a call earlier from George Sharp that his son-in-law Ryan McLane ran the Boston Marathon today in 2 hours, 44 minutes and 43 seconds which is in the top 6%. Mrs. Nitschke announced that Sergeant Buchanan while at the FBI National Academy ran the mile in 5.07 minutes for the fastest ever recorded for any FBI National Academy student. Mayor Link congratulated Sergeant Buchanan. The city hosted the Mayor's Group meeting on Saturday, April 19th at Liberty Hall. Mayor Link thanked Mr. Barlage for attending. The Mayor's Group discussed the Kenton County Training Center on KY17 and the facility's needs and costs. The costs could reach as much as 3 million and they are currently doing a cost analysis. Mr. Barlage added that they would begin grading the site this year and that the location is out of the flood plain.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police & Recreation – Mr. Schreiber asked if there have been any updates on Kroger. Mr. Dehner stated that if the inspection goes well the gas pumps will open on April 25th and anticipated store opening date is mid-July. Mayor Link stated that there have been rumors that the "old" Kroger store may become a distribution center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2025-04-03 – Zoning Change to PO Zone – 2nd reading. Mr. Wichmann read the following: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ARTICLES VII AND X OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, KENTUCKY TO PERMIT STUDIOS IN THE PO ZONE.** Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to adopt Ordinance 2025-04-03; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 0 nays.**

Resolution 2025-04 – Authorizing the signing of MRAF contract and agreement. Mr. Schreiver made a **motion** to adopt Resolution 2025-04; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Astronomy Night has been rescheduled to April 26th. Pre-registration is required.
- City Yard Sale at Freedom Park is May 3rd – 9:am – Noon. Spaces are limited.
- Annual Memorial Day Ceremony is May 26th in Freedom Park at 10:am, drop off any old flags to the city building to be disposed of properly if you cannot make it to the ceremony.

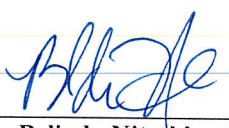
Mr. Dehner stated that the Kentucky Transportation Department is currently reviewing the Dudley Road plans and the Charter Oak and Dudley Road intersection preconstruction meeting will be held next Wednesday.

Mr. Schreiver asked for the smoke free issue be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: _____


Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk


Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: _____

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