

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 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, Bridget Grady Spears, Rob Thelen and W. Jamie Ruehl. 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 Police Chief James “Jimmy” Kreinest. Council member Scott Spille arrived at 6:35 pm.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 21, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Thelen made a **motion** to approve the April 21, 2025 minutes as written; second by Mr. Barlage. Mr. Ruehl and Mrs. Spears abstained. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 2 abstentions.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Link announced that Rhonda Whitaker, of Duke Energy, is retiring after 33 years. Mayor Link stated that the city has signed the contract for the Municipal Aid Road Fund and there is a provision to request 3% from the Emergency Road Fund in case of a road collapse, and the city will be applying for this funding for Locust Hollow. Mayor Link and Brian Dehner met with FEMA two weeks ago and thanked Steve Hensley from Kenton County Emergency Management, who spearheaded the meeting. FEMA is still looking into the issue and will get back with the city regarding any allocation of funds. Mayor Link announced that the Municipal Government League is meeting on May 28th at the NKADD and on August 1st at the Florence Y’all’s Stadium. All of council are invited to attend the events. Mayor Link announced that on June 17th and 18th the Kentucky General Assembly will be in Northern Kentucky, all of council is invited, and to let staff know if you plan to attend. The grand opening of OneNKY Center will be September 12th, 10 am – 12 pm.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Smoke free city discussion – Mr. Dehner explained that this issue was added back to the agenda at council’s request. Information on the issue as well as sample ordinances had previously been sent to council. Mr. Schreiber stated he asked for it to be added back to the agenda after the presentation from Breathe Easy NKY/Live Well made to council. Mr. Schreiber stated that his understanding was that the group wanted us to ban smoking in the city parks. Mr. Schreiber agreed with banning smoking in the park but asked if it was enforceable? Chief Kreinest stated that without a specific ordinance to reference, he would equate it to the issue of parking, where they could issue a ticket but would first try and remediate the issue by issuing a verbal warning, then a written warning before issuing a ticket. Dr. Spille proposed that we install signs at the park stating “No Smoking/Tobacco Use” signs in the parks. Council discussed the issue. Dr. Spille made a **motion** to install “No Smoking/Tobacco Use” signs at the parks; second by Mr. Ruehl. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

NEW BUSINESS – None

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – **Municipal Order 2025-04** – Surplus miscellaneous items. Mr. Thelen made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order 2025-04; second by Dr. Spille. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Link stated that Lucas and Sandy were out in the rain for the Yard Sale. We had 11 vendors and wanted to thank the residents and staff who participated in the event and weathered the elements. Mrs. Nitschke stated that Lucas suggested we consider moving the annual yard sale to August to coincide with the World’s Longest Yard sale.

- Join us May 26th at 10 am in Freedom Park for the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony.
- City Shred Event in Freedom Park, Saturday, June 7th from 9 am – noon.
- Tuesday Night Summer Concert Series kicks off with Doghouse on June 10th at 7 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

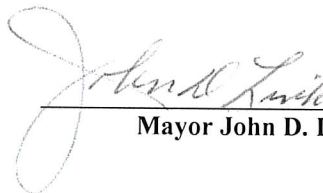
Attest: _____



Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk

Date passed: _____

5/19/25



Mayor John D. Link