

CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 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, Scott Spille and Rob Thelen. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Brian Dehner, Senior Deputy Clerk Michelle Frisch, and City Attorney Frank Wichmann. Other staff members present: Fire Chief Tom Dickman and Police Chief James “Jimmy” Kreinest. Council member W. Jamie Ruehl was absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to remove item #32 Ordinance 2025-06-05 from the agenda stating Roberts Rule of Order as the issue has previously been voted on; second by Mrs. Spears. Mr. Barlage, Mr. Messmer, Dr. Spille and Mr. Thelen voted nay. **Motion failed: 2 ayes – 4 nays.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Dr. Spille made a **motion** to approve the May 19, 2025 minutes as written; second by Mr. Barlage. Mr. Schreiber abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Chief Kreinest recognized and congratulated Patrol Officer Clayton Dunaway for completing his City of Edgewood Police Department field training since completing the police academy and is now released as a patrol officer in the city. Officer Dunaway was joined by his training officers as well as his family in celebrating his completion of field training. Mayor Link and council congratulated Officer Dunaway.

Mayor Link thanked everyone involved who helped with the city's Memorial Day ceremony. Mayor Link attended the Municipal Government League meeting on May 28th at NKADD, and many representatives were there from cities and counties. At the meeting, they discussed the state collection of the occupational tax, which will be brought up again in the next legislative session. The city is not in favor of the bill. Dr. Spille stated that there has been a lot of attention on a national program about healthcare affordability known as 340B. Dr. Spille stated there is a large amount of advertising associated with this issue by certain manufacturers against the program, and this is a major income source for our largest payroll contributor. Dr. Spille stressed that this issue is going to be a battleground. Mayor Link stated that the next legislative session will be a longer session of 90 days.

Mayor Link presented Proclamation 2025-03 – Carolyn Marie (Egan) Spille to Dr. Spille, honoring his grandmother, a beloved member of the community who recently passed away peacefully on May 29th at the age of 99.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Link called the MRAF Public Hearing regarding the use of Municipal Road Aid Funds to order at 7:07pm. The city expects to receive approximately \$197,000 in Municipal Road Aid in FY 2025/2026. No written comments have been received; the hearing is now open for public comment. As there are no public comments Mayor Link concluded the public hearing at 7:08 pm.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – **Ordinance 2025-06-04** – Budget for FY 2025–2026. 1st reading – Mr. Wichmann read the following: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL PAY PLAN BRACKETS FOR THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025.**

Resolution 2025-05 – FEMA Agreement for Bluebell Landslide - Mr. Thelen made a **motion** to adopt Resolution 2025-05; second by Mr. Schreiber. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Ordinance 2025-06-05 – Credit Card Usage Fee. 1st reading – Mr. Wichmann read the following: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY IMPOSING A FEE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE CITY BY CREDIT CARD.** Council discussed Ordinance 2025-06-05. Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to table Ordinance 2025-06-05; second by Mrs. Spears. Mr. Barlage and Dr. Spille voted nay. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 2 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

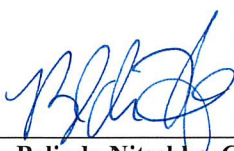
- City Shred Event in Freedom Park, Saturday, June 7th from 9 am – noon.
- Tuesday Night Summer Concert Series kicks off with Doghouse on June 10th at 7 pm.
- Saturday, June 28th - Join us for Rock Painting Class at noon and/or Sun & Moon Night with CAS at 7:00 pm in Presidents Park must pre-register for both events.

Mayor Link said he had five phone calls from residents thanking him for the repairs on Charter Oak Road. Mayor Link thanked Rick Lunnemann for doing the best we could with the resources we had. Mayor Link stated that Dudley Road at Charter Oak will be down to one lane during construction and reminded residents to avoid the construction area if possible.

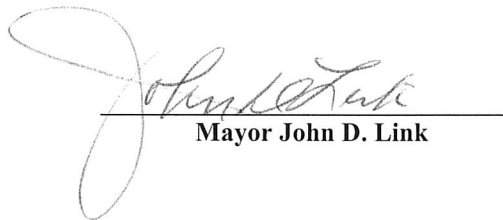
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest:



Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk



Mayor John D. Link

Date passed:

6/16/25