

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 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, W. Jamie Ruehl, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Schaefer, Police Chief James “Jimmy” Kreinest and General Services Director Rick Lunnemann. Council member Jeff Schreiber was absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 5, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Thelen made a **motion** to approve the May 5, 2025 minutes as written; second by Mr. Barlage. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Link presented General Services Director Rik Lunnemann with Proclamation 2025-02 in honor of National Public Works Week.

Mayor Link stated that PDS approved their budget. City of Crestview Hills concert will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025 at Thomas More. At the Mayor’s Group meeting the NKY Chamber of Commerce stated that the housing shortage stands at 6,600 units. Kenton County presented an initiative asking, “What would you like your community to look like in 5 years?”.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police and Recreation – Mr. Ruehl asked if striping was going to be completed on Dudley to KY17. Mr. Lunnemann answered that striping would occur on Dudley from Winding Trails to KY17 and includes Horsebranch Road and parts of Charter Oak Road, Lyndale Road, and Edgewood Road. Mr. Ruehl asked about changing the traffic control at Dudley Road and KY17 and Mr. Lunnemann responded that that is under the control of KYTC. Mr. Lunnemann stated that some paving work would be done on Dudley Road from the Shell Station to Fedders Feed and on Horsebranch Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Mental Health Program – Mr. Dehner stated that mental health issues have taken center stage at many organizations. Mr. Dehner and Chief Kreinest have been researching mental health programs. Mr. Dehner stated that the city would like our employees to know that we take this issue seriously. Mr. Dehner stated that health insurance would cover the counseling sessions. Council discussed the mental health program. Chief Kreinest explained the program which he researched from Painesville, MN and in Berea, KY.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – **Municipal Order 2025-05** – Mental Health Program – Dr. Spille made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order 2025-05 with the discussed modifications; second by Mr. Ruehl. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**


ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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 the 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.
- Rock Painting Class in Presidents Park – Saturday, June 28th at noon. Pre-registration required. \$10/person. Open to all ages and skill levels.
- Congratulations to all 2025 graduates!

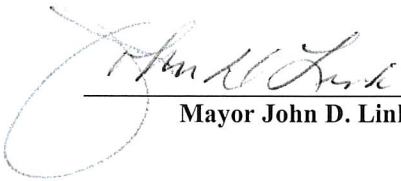
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: _____


Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk

Date passed: _____


6/2/25
Mayor John D. Link