

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 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, 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: Sergeant Jarod Buchanan.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Mrs. Spears asked for an update on the house next to Hinsdale Elementary, whose sanitary sewer connection was cut. Mr. Dehner stated that the house that Kenton County School District (KCSD) purchased was torn down, the house had a septic tank that ground up the sanitation, and then it connected through a tap in connection to the sanitation line behind the Marathon. When the newer house was built, since they were family, they tapped into the older homes line. When the KCSD contractors tore down the older house, they cut the line and capped it, not knowing it was connected to the newer home. The owners asked KCSD if they could run their line across the parking lot, and they have been denied. SD1 has given options, but they are both expensive fixes. They cannot have a septic system on that lot.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 21, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Ruehl made a **motion** to approve the July 21, 2025, minutes as written; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Link thanked all the sponsors, everyone who participated, staff, Dave Peru, and The Golf Courses of Kenton County for a successful Mayor's Golf Outing. Mayor Link stated that the city has gained three new employees: SirDarrius Barnes in the Police Department, Eric Ratliff in the Fire Department, and Mike Leach joined the General Services Department. Mr. Ruehl wanted to state for the record that the Sergeant who left the city would make more as a patrolman in Ohio than as a Sergeant in Edgewood. Sergeant Buchanan stated that Officer Barnes has always wanted to be a police officer and has 5 years of experience. Sergeant Buchanan stated that they have an additional new employee, Austin Ford, who will be going to the police academy. Mayor Link announced that Sharmili Reddy will be leaving PDS and will become the new City Administrator for the City of Covington and Josh Wice will be the new Executive Director of PDS. The legislative session is getting ready to start in Frankfort, and one of the issues they will be discussing will be occupational licenses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Statewide Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement. Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to adopt the Statewide Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday Night Summer Concert Series continues in Presidents Park at 7:pm with Marty Connor tomorrow night, What About Jane - August 12th, The Closers – August 19th and rounding out the season with Marsha Brady – August 26th.
- Sun and Moon Night – August 30th (rescheduled from June) in Presidents Park 7-9:pm, must preregister.

Mr. Dehner stated that school starts next week, and Lucas Elam will be working on social media posts to keep everyone informed on the construction projects. Mr. Dehner asked if council is still interested in replacing issues of our newsletter with the two pages in the What's Happening magazine/newsletter that is mailed to residents in Edgewood, Lakeside Park, and Crestview Hills. This year we participated in the March and August magazines.

Mr. Schreiver announced that the Sensory Garden Committee is hosting an Explore Dinosaurs program on Sunday, August 31st, 2-4 pm at the sensory garden in Presidents Park.


Mr. Dehner asked anyone who is in contact with an SRO officer to thank them for all the work that they do.

Mr. Ruehl asked for an update on Chief Kreinest's suggestion to help educate scooter riders through the SRO Officers at the schools. Sergeant Buchanan stated that the department will be working on that when school starts.

ADJOURNMENT

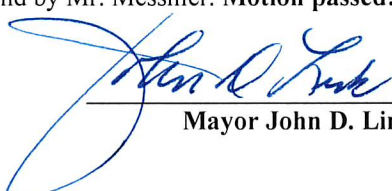
Dr. Spille made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: _____


Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk

Date passed: _____

8/18/25



Mayor John D. Link