

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 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, 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: Police Chief James “Jimmy” Kreinest and General Services Director Rick Lunnemann.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Mark Grubbs, Crescent Springs, KY. Mr. Grubbs currently has a contract on 29 Edgewood Road to use as a rental property for a Sober Living home for about 10-12 women. Mr. Grubbs stated he is attending the meeting to ensure there are no laws or zoning in the city that would prohibit this. Mr. Wichmann stated he would have to check the zoning and asked what information PDS provided. Mr. Grubbs stated that there was a memorandum in 2021 that stated there should not be an issue unless he had paid staff at the residence, which he would not. Mr. Wichmann stated that there is no issue with what Mr. Grubbs is proposing, but stated that the owner of the home and residents would have to abide by all laws of the city. Mr. Dehner stated that there are regulations regarding having a certain number of non-family members living in the same quarters, and to make sure they abide by them. Mr. Dehner encouraged Mr. Grubbs to introduce himself to his neighbors and provide contact information. Mr. Ruehl stated that he was happy that Mr. Grubbs was at the meeting, stating that issues arise from these situations when the property owner is not responsive, and appreciates Mr. Grubbs for addressing any issues upfront.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Dehner added item #20 on behalf of Chief Dickman, Paramedic Job Description for CERS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 16, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to approve the June 16, 2025 minutes as written; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Link thanked the Kenton County Sheriff’s department, everyone at the city, and all the cadets for all their hard work on the July 4th activities. Mayor Link stated he received many messages that the fireworks were exceptional this year. Mayor Link stated that the parade was bigger than usual and that our Grand Marshall was Central Coast Dive Center. On Monday, Mayor Link swore in the new Golden Age Social Club officers – President, Janice Markus, Vice President, John Hamilton, Treasurer, Carol Schaefer, Recording Secretary, Carol Farley and Corresponding Secretary, Ada Garrett.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police, and Recreation. Dr. Spille inquired about the timing of the crosswalk striping and the schedule of Tupman and Dudley Road into October. Mr. Dehner stated that the road will be completely drivable but the issue at this time is the availability of the utility poles. Dr. Spille suggested that for the first week of school there be manual traffic management. Mr. Lunnemann addressed the crosswalk striping on Turkeyfoot at certain intersections. Mr. Ruehl inquired about batteries and speed signs. Mr. Lunnemann stated that General Services charges and changes the batteries in the signs 2-3 times a week. Mr. Ruehl asked if the temporary signs could be placed on Village and Lindsay for speeders on those streets. Mr. Dehner stated that the issue will be handled by Chief Kreinest. Mr. Ruehl thanked Mr. Lunnemann for the road repairs at Wildrose due to the construction. Mr. Ruehl inquired on who is responsible for the road repair. Mr. Lunnemann stated that the city is responsible for the road repairs. Mrs. Spears wanted to address the issue of children on scooters in the city and the safety issues of them travelling at such high speeds on the streets and sidewalks. Chief Kreinest stated that if officers are out and see unsafe conditions with scooters and/or cars they address the issue and help educate as well. Chief Kreinest has stated they have tried to get ahead of the situation with social media posts and service announcements since March. Chief Kreinest stated that the children are not trained on the rules of the road and even drivers struggle with those rules as well. Chief Kreinest stated he is open to all suggestions to help with this. Mrs. Spears asked if the police could educate the scooter riders even if they are not causing a hazard. Chief Kreinest agreed that his officers could do that. Mr. Ruehl suggested possible cards to hand out to the kids and do an

educational campaign and not be punitive. Chief Kreinest stated that they will look into working with the SRO's and schools to get the information out directly to the children. Mayor Link stated that the concert series is going very well and well attended. Mr. Dehner stated that this is Lucas's first year as Program Coordinator and he is knocking it out of the park and a great addition to the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Paramedic Job Description Update – Mr. Dehner explained why the change was needed for the job description for the CERS pension system. Dr. Spille made a **motion** to accept the updated proposed Paramedic Job Description effective 7/21/25; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – **Municipal Order 2025-07- Surplus Vehicles.** Dr. Spille made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order 2025-07; second by Mr. Ruehl. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday Night Summer Concert Series continues in Presidents Park at 7:pm with Velvet Soul tomorrow night, Blue Jelly – July 29th and Marty Connor – August 5th.
- Mayor's Golf Outing – August 1st at Kenton County – please call the city building for availability and sponsorships.
- Sun and Moon Night – August 30th (rescheduled from June) in Presidents Park 7-9:pm, must preregister.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Spille made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.; second by Mr. Barlage. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest:



Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk

Mayor John D. Link

Date passed:

8/4/25