

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 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: Fire Chief, Tom Dickman, 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 – Mrs. Susan McDonald with LiveWell NKY Edgewood – Mrs. McDonald asked council and the mayor to consider a comprehensive smoke-free policy that includes vaping, e-cigarettes, and to limit vape shops. Mr. Dehner updated council on the signs that have been designed for the parks and is waiting on quotes for fabricating the signs. Mr. Dehner stated that the city is currently updating their zoning and will limit those types of businesses to the highway zone when the update is approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 4, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Ruehl made a motion to approve the August 4, 2025, minutes as written; second by Dr. Spille. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Link stated that the Mayor’s Group met this past Saturday, and members of the Kentucky Legislature were in attendance. The Kentucky Legislature is currently meeting and working on next year’s budget. The Taylor Mill Fire Department will host an open house for its new Firehouse on September 12th. State income tax will be reduced in January 2026 by the state legislature; they will need to recoup that income, possibly from sales tax. A meeting will be held on August 5th at District 6, 9-11 am, regarding the bridge construction and routing of emergency vehicles.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police & Recreation – Mr. Dehner added information that Mr. Wichmann sent him on a new law that passed and became effective June 27, 2025, prohibiting the possession or use of all tobacco products by anyone under the age of 21. Mr. Ruehl asked for an update on the zoning change on Horsebranch Road. Mr. Dehner stated that PDS will be at the September 15th meeting to present. Mayor Link thanked Rick Lunnemann and General Services for their help with the Charter Oak Road traffic. Mr. Ruehl thanked everyone for the traffic light fix at Charter Oak and how quickly it was addressed; Mr. Dehner stated that the traffic camera eye was hit and was not looking at the traffic pattern. Mr. Ruehl asked the police department for an update on the education for e-bikes and e-scooters. Chief Kreinest stated that the department is currently working on it, and flyers have been sent to the schools. Chief Kreinest put an order in with Vista Print for postcard informational handouts for the SROs to distribute to the kids.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – The September 1st council meeting is cancelled due to the Labor Day Federal holiday as per City Ordinance.

Alcohol Sunday Sales Times Discussion - Kroger is asking for consideration of changing alcohol sales times for Sunday. They are open 8:00 am – 10:00 pm on Sundays, and they would like our ordinance to match those hours for customer convenience. Edgewood’s Ordinance for Sunday sales is 11:00 am – 10:00 pm. Mr. Dehner stated that Kroger is requesting to change Sunday alcohol sales times to match its Silver Lake location. Council discussed the change to the alcohol sales ordinance. Mr. Dehner clarified that the alcohol sales ordinance will stay the same except the time will change on Sundays.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS


- Tuesday Night Summer Concert Series continues in Presidents Park at 7:pm with The Closers tomorrow night, and finishing the season with Marsha Brady – August 26th.
- Sun and Moon Night – August 30th in Presidents Park 7-9:pm, must preregister.
- Explore Dinosaurs at the Sensory Garden in Presidents Park on August 31st from 2-4: pm.
- Tai Chi Classes, on Thursdays starting September 11th at Liberty Hall from 1 – 1:45 pm, please pre-register.

Dr. Spille asked for clarification from Mr. Wichmann regarding the alcohol sales ordinance and asked if the city could delineate the retail package from retail drink in the modification. Mr. Wichmann stated that they can separate the issues in the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Spille made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: _____


Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk


Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: _____

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