

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 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, 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 and Police Chief, James “Jimmy” Kreinest. Council member Bridget Grady Spears 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 – September 15, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Ruehl made a **motion** to approve the September 15, 2025, minutes as written; second by Mr. Messmer. Dr. Spille and Mr. Thelen abstained. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 2 abstentions.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – Mayor’s Report – KLC just had their conference. KLC Board met last week to discuss the legislative agenda and twenty-five important issues. The most important issues to the city are the county/city occupational taxes, insurance premium tax, the restaurant taxes, the road fund allocation, newspaper publication reform, regulations licenses regarding alcohol sales entity, utility franchise agreements, transient room tax, and EMS fee collections. The legislative session begins on January 6, 2026 and ends on April 15, 2026. Mayor Link stated that the Mayor of Ft. Wright, Dave Hatter made a presentation on cyber-attacks and security at the Municipal Government League meeting. The KLC City Day/City Night will be held on February 25, 2026 all are invited. At the Mayor’s meeting the Kenton County Public Safety Training Center was discussed regarding getting the facility up and running. Mayor Link announced that on Friday, October 10th until Monday, October 13th they will be closing the entrance to Charter Oak Road to perform milling, line striping and signal operations. They will not be working on Sunday. Residents will need to take alternate routes on Sandalwood or White Oak to reach Dudley Road. The traffic signal poles will be delivered in early 2026. Mr. Dehner stated that the extra panels on the sidewalk on Dudley will be removed on Wednesday to help with the line of sight to exit Magnolia. Mayor Link thanked everyone who participated in the Touch A Truck event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance 2025-09-06 – Fiscal Year 25/26 Property Tax Rate – 2nd reading. Mr. Wichmann read the following: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREBY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2026, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES, AND PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; AND DESCRIBING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH TAXES SO COLLECTED SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND USED.** Summary – An ad valorem tax on real property at the rate of \$0.185 Dollars for each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars of the value and an ad valorem tax on personal property at the rate of \$0.173 Dollars for each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars of the value. Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to adopt Ordinance 2025-09-06; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Ordinance 2025-09-07 – Amendment to Alcohol Beverage Sales – 2nd reading. Mr. Wichmann read the following: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 1992-18 OF THE CITY, AS PREVIOUSLY**

AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME AND NOW CODIFIED AS SECTION 112.10 OF THE EDGEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE THE HOURS WHEN THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED IN THE CITY. Summary – Changing the Sunday sales start time from 11: am to 8: am. Mr. Ruehl made a **motion** to adopt Ordinance 2025-09-07; second by Dr. Spille. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

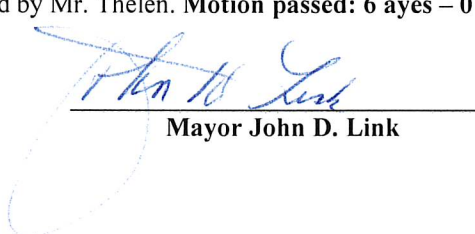
- Spooky Sunday is October 19th at 4:pm in Presidents Park, join us at St. Pius at 3:45 for the costume parade.
- Fall Chair Yoga starts October 22nd at 11:am at Liberty Hall. This event is free, please pre-register.
- Trick or Treat in Edgewood is Friday, October 31st from 6-8: pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Spille made a **motion** to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.; second by Mr. Thelen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest: _____


Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk


Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: _____

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