

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 17, 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** – None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Dr. Spille asked to add speed zones to the agenda. Speed Zones were added as item #10. Mayor Link asked to remove item #2 from the agenda and reschedule the awards presentation to next month.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – October 20, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to approve the October 20, 2025, minutes with the change of adding Contractor after Palmer; second by Mr. Ruehl. Dr. Spille abstained. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 abstention.**

**REPORT/PRESENTATIONS** – **Mayor’s Report** – Congressman Thomas Massie attended the Mayor’s Group meeting this past Saturday in Covington. Congressman Massie stated that the government shut down was over for now but that the budget issues would be revisited in January 2026 regarding social security, SNAP and other programs. Congressman Massie is trying to look into voting on just certain programs so that they will not be stopped again. Mayor Link discussed the Dudley Road project with him and the federal and state money needed for it. Mayor Link said the new parking garage that has been built behind the Kenton County Government building is now open and explained how to enter the building since access is limited from the front parking lot at this time. They have started building 240 apartments on top of the garage. Mayor Link attended the Municipal Government League dinner this past Friday evening. Senator McDaniels and JD Chaney with KLC spoke at the dinner emphasizing collaboration and the importance of home rule.

Staff Reports – CAO, City Clerk, Fire, General Services, Police & Recreation – Mayor Link stated that the recreation department and Lucas Elam are getting geared up for the holiday season and activities.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Speed Zones - Dr. Spille asked Chief Kreinest about a traffic flow issue at the St. Pius exit at Dudley Road. Dr. Spille stated the left lane is just a green light but should it be a left green arrow? Dr. Spille stated his daughter was skittish to turn. Dr. Spille also asked about the difficulty of getting out of the east side of Dudley at Winding Trails, Winterbourne or Wood Run. Dr. Spille stated that there are traffic alerts further down on Dudley where it curves at Belle Meade. Dr. Spille would like the police to look into a speed study of drivers cresting the hill at Dudley and Winding Trails between 6:45 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. Mr. Dehner stated a flashing sign could be moved to the area as well as other ways to get information on the issue and if the issue is not improved with, i.e., increased enforcement that Chief Kreinest can come up with another solution to the problem. Chief Kreinest stated that the area is a continued request for enforcement between Prestwicke and Winding Trails. Sgt Buchannon routinely enforces the area and issues a few tickets a week but that enforcement can be increased. Mr. Dehner stated that he will make sure that there is signage stating the speed limit in that area.

Chief Kreinest explained to council the Flock Camera system that is being installed in the city. Chief Kreinest explained that three of the four license plate readers (LPR) have been installed this past week. They were installed at Dudley Road & Turkeyfoot Road, Dudley Road & KY 17 and Thomas More Pkwy & Horsebranch Road. They read inbound traffic coming into the city. There are cameras on the other side for video of a vehicle leaving the city that will assist in identifying a vehicle that may have been involved in a crime and the police can get a description of the vehicle. The fourth camera will be installed at Meadow Lark & Turkeyfoot Road but the city will need a permit from the state since it is in their right-of-way. The cameras are primarily used for investigative purposes, i.e. stolen cars and hit and run accidents. The cameras also work by sending notices to Kenton County Dispatch and our police department. Chief Kreinest stated that there was a hit in Ft. Mitchell of a vehicle that was connected to a homicide in Tennessee. This system will create a network of information since other departments in the area using LPR’s are using the Flock Camera system. Mr. Ruehl stated that there have been many social media posts about the Flock Camera system, he is a fan of this system but there are some concerns that they will be used to write traffic tickets. Chief Kreinest stated that they absolutely will not be used for writing tickets. Mrs. Spears asked if there was CCTV where they could capture faces. Chief Kreinest stated that there is not and most images are taken from the back of the vehicle. Dr. Spille asked how the department is notified of an alert. Chief Kreinest stated that it depends on how the system is set up but it can go to both the department via email or text and to dispatch. Mr. Dehner stated that the city has had cameras at several intersections for the past five (5) years. Mr. Dehner also stressed that tickets cannot be written from the cameras due to Kentucky law that states that an officer must witness in person the infraction. Chief Kreinest also

stated that residents can register with Flock as a resident of the community and they will ignore your data as a regular commuter and you will not be tracked. This is a three (3) year contract and the program will be reviewed for its effectiveness and whether it will be continued. The information from the cameras can only be shared with other law enforcement agencies and it is encrypted and is wiped after thirty (30) days.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS** – **Municipal Order 2025-09** – Surplus various Police Department items. Dr. Spille made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order 2025-09; second by Mr. Ruehl. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Letters to Santa can be dropped off in Santa's mailbox starting today through December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Holiday Ornament Painting Class is open for all ages, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon at Liberty Hall. Must pre-register, \$15 for residents.
- Property tax payments are due December 31<sup>st</sup> or take advantage of the 2% discount, if paid by November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual Tree Lighting is November 30<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting has been cancelled.

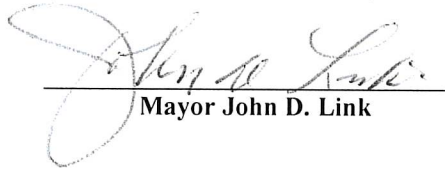
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Attest:



Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk



Mayor John D. Link

Date passed:

12/15/25