

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 15, 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 Schreiver, Bridget Grady Spears, 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. Council Member Scott Spille was absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Schreiver asked to add the Discussion of Street Lighting as new business item #20.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 17, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. Thelen made a motion to approve the November 17, 2025, minutes as written; second by Mr. Barlage. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORT/PRESENTATIONS – APWA Award Presentation to Rob Begnoche – Rick Buster with the KY APWA Board presented Rob Begnoche with a plaque for winning the APWA State Rodeo in the skid steer competition. Mr. Buster stated that it was a big deal as Mr. Begnoche will now compete in the regional APWA Rodeo in Knoxville, TN.

Mr. Lunnemann congratulated three public works employees who received their certification from the Kentucky Transportation Center as Road Scholars – Travis Heiert, Ryan Wilkerson and Ricky Gohs. Mayor Link thanked public works for all their hard work clearing the roads this weekend stating he received many compliments on the job they did. Mr. Dehner pointed out how difficult the public works job is working in the changing weather conditions and cold and thanked them for their hard work.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Link stated that the Mayor’s Group meeting was held this last Saturday at the City of Crestview Hills. Mayor Link stated that the legislative session is starting in January. Mayor Link stated that Kevin Kramer was elected as the President of the National League of Cities and will be representing over 19,000 cities and the first from Kentucky since 1945. The dog park and bike trails being constructed in Erlanger will be open in 2026. The mayor’s group advised with the closing of 4th Street in Covington during the bridge and road construction people should take alternate routes to shop.

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. Mayor Link thanked Lucas Elam for his work on the Tree Lighting and holiday activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Charter Oak – Presentation from Verdantas Engineering, Marty Hellman – Mr. Hellman provided council with the proposed improvements to Charter Oak Road. Mr. Hellman stated Verdantas is proposing to add curbs and gutters, widen the road to 24 ft, mill and pave it with a new asphalt surface. Mr. Hellman explained that they will not be widening the road on both sides. In some areas a side might stay the same and would widen on the other side which will depend on utilities and having to possibly move them. Mr. Hellman stated that the projected cost to do the entire road would be approximately 2.7 million dollars which will need to be done in three (3) phases. Mr. Hellman stated that they are recommending the intersection at Garden Way be a three-way stop and they did not recommend a three-way stop at Timber Ridge Road due to a high point in the road immediately preceding the intersection. Mr. Schreiver and Mrs. Spears asked about lowering the hill in the road. Mr. Hellman stated they would try and lower it as low as they can but completely removing it was most likely not feasible. Mr. Hellman stated there would be no on street parking after Garden Way. Mr. Hellman recommended not to widen the radius of the curve before Hergott Drive but they are recommending a three-way stop at Charter Oak and Sandalwood Drive, and are not recommending stop signs at Hergott Drive or Metcalf Drive. Mr. Hellman stated that if the project was approved that the first half of 2026 would involve design work and the second half would be utility coordination. Mr. Ruehl asked if the current design takes into account the additional traffic load from the new houses at the back of Garden Way. Mr. Hellman stated that it does take into account the additional traffic and will have the appropriate asphalt thickness.

Mr. Schreiver expressed his concern regarding the lighting at the intersection of Dudley Road and Charter Oak Road. Dehner stated that once the city receives the new poles for the intersection there will be four lights shining on all the crosswalks. Mr. Schreiver stated that he noticed between Turkeyfoot Road and Homestead there are no street lights except at the entrance to Summit Country Club. Mr. Ruehl agreed that street lights are needed in that area and asked that the brightness of the city sign at Presidents Park be turned down. Mrs. Spears expressed concern for the residents along that section may not want the street lighting. Mr. Dehner stated that he will have each chief provide information on the accidents in this area and price out the cost of adding additional street lights to the area. Mr. Schreiver asked that landscaping light bulbs on the stone wall at Presidents Park be replaced. Mr. Messmer suggested

that the city send a letter to the City of Erlanger to help pay for the upgrades to Charter Oak. Mayor Link stated that he would reach out but was pretty certain what the answer would be.

Update on current and future road construction/maintenance projects – Rick Lunnemann – Mr. Lunnemann explained what Public Works has accomplished this year. Mr. Lunnemann explained the process that is used to evaluate road conditions by using a company that evaluates the conditions of the street but the information is not complete yet. Mr. Lunnemann explained that he and Mr. Hellman go out every fall to review the street condition index number for every street, determine which streets have the lowest number and then go out and inspect them. Once they have inspected them, they re-evaluate the numbers given. Mr. Lunnemann listed the following upcoming projects Thomas More Parkway the city received a grant to maintain and a joint project with Crestview Hills. Mr. Lunnemann stated that these grant funds must be used by July 1, 2027 and is currently in design with Verdantas. Mr. Lunnemann stated that Horsebranch Road resurfacing project is also a grant project and joint project with Crestview Hills. Mr. Lunnemann estimated the Thomas More Parkway project cost to be approximately \$112,000 and our portion of the Horsebranch Road project will be approximately \$400,000. Mr. Lunnemann stated that the first phase of Charter Oak will cost approximately \$750,000 and they have identified several streets for work including East Wild Rose, North Wild Rose, Martha Lane and Maple estimated to cost \$255,000. Total cost estimate for the projects is \$1,517,000.00. Mr. Lunnemann stated that hopefully Dudley Road Phase III & IV will be bid in the spring 2026 with construction starting the following year.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS – **Municipal Order 2025-10** – Approving Board Member. Summary – Appointing Dennis Drew to the Board of Adjustments for a four-year term. Mr. Schreiver made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order 2025-10; second by Mr. Messmer. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Property tax payments are due December 31st, penalties and interest will be assessed on January 1st.

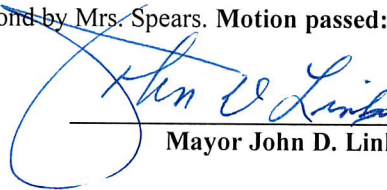
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barlage made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.; second by Mrs. Spears. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Attest:



Belinda Nitschke, City Clerk



Mayor John D. Link

Date passed: _____

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