

CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2004  
7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Link called the regular meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Bill Grady, Ray Spears, David MacMillan, Jeff Schreiber, and Scott Guenther. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. Mark Steffen and Dale Henson were absent.

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Grady added Building Project item #11 and Mr. Spears added Dudley Road sidewalk across from Summit as item #12 under unfinished business.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. MacMillan made a **motion** to adopt the December 15, 2003 minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Link reported on the following:

- St. Pius Drama Club is hosting a chili cook off fundraiser on 1/17/04 from 7:30 – 11:30 p.m.
- On January 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am there will be a swearing in ceremony for Ralph Drees as Judge Executive at the Independence courthouse.
- Mayor's group meeting will be held 1/17/04 at the Garden of Park Hills.
- Attended the Seniors Meeting today along with Kim Wolking – they're excited about the new senior center.

**Administrator's Report** – Mr. Rolfes reminded property owners along Dudley in the Turkeyfoot area to keep their sidewalks clear from both snow and tree branches for the runners/walkers. Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Spears spoke about the sidewalk on Dudley across from Summit Hills, the sidewalk is in disarray – Mayor Link advised that it is part of the Turkeyfoot Road expansion project and the State Highway Department is responsible for it, residents should be patient during this stage of the project.

**Staff Reports** – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator – there was discussion about department reports – only putting in pertinent information - items that are above and beyond their monthly duties, City Clerk, EMS/Fire, General Services, Parks, Properties, Public Safety, and Recreation.

**CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Kathleen Adams, 3504 Lindenwood Drive Erlanger – Ms. Adams is concerned with water run-off freezing at 3261 Turkeyfoot Road. Water puddles up and freezes making it a traffic hazard. Mayor Link stated that the problem would be alleviated with the widening project being done by the State Highway Department. Ms. Adams also asked why Edgewood businesses add tax to the purchase of newspapers such as the Ky Post when Erlanger doesn't apply the tax. Mayor Link advised that the city does not assess the tax, the vendor does.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Brookwood Commons Schreiber Development** – Mr. Wichmann stated that he received the condominium regime document today; he still needs to review it.

**Building project** – Mr. Grady spoke in opposition of tearing down the city building. He stated that it would be a mistake to tear down the city building and then construct a large all-purpose building. It would be a waste of approximately \$2 million and believes the city can't afford the project. He feels that the city could construct a building to house the fire and police departments and could adequately update the city building for a total of \$2 million less than the estimated \$6.5 million. He asked council to reconsider the situation. Mr. Guenther stated that based on cash flow projections that were compiled by Mr. Rolfes and reviewed by Rankin & Rankin, it did not look like this project would create any need to raise taxes, cut salaries or cut services. Based on the information that he has reviewed to date, the city has a serious problem in terms of space limitations in the current facilities. Although, the current plan may cost a little more than we'd like, it's the best solution. Mr. Spears requested that we obtain a feasibility estimate from Cole + Russell for a combined police and fire building to be placed where the current firehouse is and leave the current city building for administration. Mr. Rolfes did ask C+R a few weeks ago about this option. Their fee to design a basic schematic floor plan and maybe one elevation would be \$7,000 and if this was the final scenario they would slide police over and that building would come within 10 feet of the current city building. C+R felt that that would be problematic. Mr. MacMillan stated that the city would also need to inquire as to how much it would cost to revamp the city building and bring it up to current building code and handicap accessible. Mr. Schreiber spoke in favor of the new complex. He furthered stated that if administration is cut out of the new building we would lose the basement which contains the training room and extra storage area that would house the HVAC system. Issue will be further discussed at the next meeting so that the absent councilmen can voice their opinions.

**Dudley Road sidewalk** – discussed earlier under the Administrator's Report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion on No-Knock ordinance** – Mr. Rolfes received an email from a resident who asked if council would enact a no-knock ordinance (to stop solicitors) like the City of Villa Hills had recently done. Mr. Wichmann stated that cities could regulate solicitors and require permits except for religious groups and politicians. Council agreed that there have not been any other complaints and felt that there wasn't a need for an ordinance at this time.

**ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance 2003-12-11 Establishing motor vehicle parking and stopping regulations**  
– 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING AND STOPPING REGULATIONS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2003-12-11; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

**Ordinance 2004-01-01 Amend the zoning ordinance regarding fences – 1st reading.**  
Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE EDGEWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE USE OF A CLASS 5 FENCE WITHIN RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Aerobics are every Monday and Thursday evening from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. through March 26<sup>th</sup> at the firehouse, \$1 fee.
- Municipal Government League dinner meeting January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the NKADD, reservations due January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grady made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Mr. MacMillan. **Motion passed 5 – 0.**

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Mayor John D. Link

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Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk  
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