

CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2006

6:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Bill Grady, Scott Guenther, Jeff Schreiber, Mark Steffen, Dale Henson, Ray Spears and Nancy Atkinson. Also in attendance were City Administrator Roger Rolfes, City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper.

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – No changes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt the December 5, 2005 minutes as written; seconded by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**Promotion and swearing in of Officer Jason Grigsby to Sergeant** – Mayor Link announced that Officer Jason Grigsby was promoted to Sergeant. He then swore in Sergeant Grigsby.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Link attended the Senior's luncheon on the 5<sup>th</sup>; attended the Gateway School ribbon cutting ceremony on the 12<sup>th</sup> in Boone County; awarded the winners of the Home Decorating Contest on the 15<sup>th</sup>; attended the city's Christmas party on the 16<sup>th</sup>; attended a meeting with OKI and Dixie Fix officials on the 21<sup>st</sup>; congratulated Officer Terry Chinn for being selected as School Resource Officer of the Year; attended the fire department's annual appreciation dinner on January 14<sup>th</sup>; and announced that Officer John Mairose resigned to become an officer for the city of Ft. Wright, Mayor Link wished him well.

**Administrator's Report** – Mr. Rolfes updated council on the Sperti Drive zoning issue. The owners of the property did appear before planning and zoning on January 5<sup>th</sup> and advised them that the project had been expanded. Planning commission voted to allow them to redo their whole proposal and bring it back to them. Mr. Rolfes will be attending a meeting with the developers and Ft. Wright officials on Friday. Mr. Rolfes addressed items from a memo that he had written to council regarding issues from the last council meeting.

**Staff Reports** – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, EMS/Fire, General Services, Police, and Recreation.

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

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Facilities Update** – Mr. Rolfes stated the project is moving along quickly. Expect completion around the first of March and hope to move in around the middle of March, weather permitting. Should receive a certificate of occupancy around the first of March. The project should finish under budget.

**Discussion on audit recommendations and findings for lockbox and property/equipment procedures** – Mr. Rolfes received a proposal from the Bank of Kentucky for lockbox services and recommended accepting the proposal. The total cost would be about \$5,200, which would include printing and mailing the bills, postage, the bank's service, and reprogramming the tax software. Mr. Rolfes also recommended that council think about shortening the city's tax collection period. Currently the city collects taxes for eight months. If the city decreases the collection time it would then decrease the cost for the lockbox. He asked council to think about it for future discussion. The bank offered two proposals, wholesale and retail services, but it appears that the fees listed for each service may have been flipped. Council concurred to go with the retail services, which would provide

electronic file upload to the city's property tax program but asked Mr. Rolfes to verify the fees with the bank. Mr. Rolfes will verify the bank's fees. Several council members expressed interest in decreasing the collection time but that will be discussed at a later meeting. Mr. Schreiber stated that the tax bills have always been due in April and if the city decides to change the collection period it should be done in an incremental change for the residents who still pay their bill in April.

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to accept the proposal for lockbox service that provides for the electronic file upload to the city's tax program; seconded by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Continuation of healthcare reimbursement program** – per council's request from last year to revisit the healthcare reimbursement program the first of this year, Mr. Rolfes provided a spreadsheet showing the savings over the past several years. The savings came from switching carriers, modifying plans, and or increasing deductibles and co-pays. The program requires the employee to be responsible for the first \$500 of the deductible and the city would pay the difference. The premium savings for the current year is \$44,655. Mr. Rolfes asked council that if they were to make any changes to the program that they eliminate the \$500 deductible and rebate it back to anyone who has paid that in the first half of the year. Mr. Henson, Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. Steffen said they were in favor of Mr. Rolfes' suggestion in rebating and eliminating the \$500 deductible.

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to rebate and eliminate the \$500 deductible; seconded by Mr. Steffen. Mr. Guenther voted nay because he feels the \$500 deductible is reasonable. Mr. Spears abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention – 1 nay.**

**Zoning text amendment request by Edgewood Tavern** – Lee Ramsey, manager and Bill Farris, owner of Edgewood Tavern were in attendance. Mr. Rolfes stated that the Edgewood Tavern located at 126 Barnwood Drive has requested a text amendment for neighborhood commercial (NC) zone. They would like to move their facility to the end of the building in which they are currently located (the end closest to Insight Communications). Due to the fact that they are pre-existing nonconforming in their zone category and if their space remains the same they would be able to maintain their grandfather status. The reason for moving is because the proposed location has an outdoor patio and they would like to utilize the patio for smokers. The patio would only have tables and chairs on it. It would not have any outside music and it would have some type of privacy fence around it. Mr. Rolfes recommended adding the following wording to the neighborhood commercial zone text amendment: Eating and drinking places excluding drive-ins may have outside tables provided they are enclosed by a solid fence at least 6' high. No sound reproducing equipment or live entertainment permitted in this area.

The owners had another issue, which is if they wanted to expand within the building they would have to look at providing for that specific type of use within the NC zone classification. Mr. Wichmann stated they should make it a permitted use in that zone which would allow them to expand. Mr. Wichmann suggested putting some kind of condition on the permitted use that is unique to the Tavern's situation. They would like to keep their grandfather status but would not be able to if they expanded unless council made it a permitted use with certain conditions. Council concurred to have Mr. Wichmann draft the appropriate text amendment.

Mr. Spears made a **motion** to authorize the application for a text amendment to the zoning ordinance to be prepared by Mr. Wichmann; seconded by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.** Mr. Wichmann will prepare the text amendment and present it to council at the next meeting for their review.

**Community banners** – Mr. Rolfes stated that the Kentucky League of Cities has contracted with a company that will produce a streaming video for a city's website. They will come and shoot the video at no cost to the city and they will install it on the city's website. They will also provide the city with a minimum of 25 street banners of the city's choice which they would sell space to local businesses and place the business' name on the bottom of the banner. Mr. Rolfes asked council if they would like to pursue the offer. Mrs. Atkinson stated that she didn't like them; the advertising on the banners and felt there isn't a need for it. Mr. Grady was not in favor of it and stated that he doesn't like our current banners. Others stated that they didn't like the banners either. Council concurred that they would pass on the offer.

**Fire Dept. request to approve Summit Fire Apparatus to repair the cab lift system in truck 160 at the cost of \$800** – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the repairs to the cab lift system on truck 160 from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$800 because the item purchased is in the best interest of the public and the city due to Summit being readily available to perform the repairs; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

**Fire Dept. request to approve Summit Fire Apparatus to repair the collector on truck 160 at the cost of \$10,922.00** - Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the purchase of additional services to repair the collector on truck 160 from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$922 for a grand total cost of \$10,922 because the item purchased is in the best interest of the public and the city due to Summit being readily available to perform the repairs; seconded by Mr. Steffen. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

**Fire Dept. request to approve an emergency repair to the light tower on 174 by Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$1,066.00** - Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the emergency repair to the light tower on truck 174 from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$1,066 because the item purchased is in the best interest of the public and the city due to an emergency and Summit being an authorized dealer; seconded by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

**ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2006-01 approving Municipal Road Aid Bond Fund Agreement with the State for concrete replacement on Brookwood Circle** – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt resolution 2006-01; seconded by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Fitness classes run now through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Monday & Thursday evenings 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Tuesday & Friday mornings 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Held at the Senior Center, \$2 per person per class. Bring your own mat or towel.
- Ice-skating - free for Edgewood residents – Feb. 12, 3 p.m. – N. Ky. Ice Center.
- NKAPC annual dinner – January 31 – 6 p.m. – Twin Oaks – RSVP to Jeanette by Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Spears made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

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Mayor John D. Link

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: \_\_\_\_\_