

CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2005
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 Schreiver, 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 – Mr. Grady added item #24 under New Business “Sperti Drive Zoning Issue”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt the October 17, 2005 minutes as written; seconded by Mrs. Atkinson. Mr. Spears and Mr. Steffen abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 2 abstentions.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Link thanked the Kenton County Board of Education for the invitation to the grand opening of the newly constructed Caywood Elementary School on October 23rd. A Medicare seminar was hosted today by Congressman Geoff Davis at the Senior Center, 285 people were in attendance, Mayor Link thanked the Sheriff’s Department for the use of their van for shuttling people from Presidents Park to the Senior Center; he also thanked our police and fire departments for their assistance. Mayor Link congratulated the Fire/EMS on their 50th anniversary.

Administrator’s Report – Mr. Rolfes stated the turnout for the Medicare seminar went very well but unfortunately we had to turn a few people away. Frito Lay property – the city shouldn’t do anything yet until NKAPC notifies us of their recommendation. Dixie Fix Study – attendance was low at the meeting; a lot of issues will be coming up.

Staff Reports – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, EMS/Fire, General Services, Police, Properties, and Recreation. Mr. Schreiver asked Mr. Goetz for an update on the construction of Turkeyfoot Road at Dudley Road; Mr. Goetz was advised that it will remain what it is now until spring. Mr. Schreiver asked when Dudley Road would be striped? Mr. Goetz stated by the end of this week or beginning of next week.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Facilities Update – Mr. Rolfes stated that he would give a tour of the building after the meeting. All of the paving was completed on the west side as well as the larger lot on the south side; the only paving left to do is across the back, along the side and along the front which most of it will be done this week.

NEW BUSINESS – **Police Sergeant Promotion** - Mr. Henson stated that he received a letter from a resident addressing this issue. After talking to Mr. Rolfes he remembered that council had talked about this but the promotion dollars were not included in the budget. The resident advised in the letter that the city has a ratio of one supervisor to every four officers and by adding another supervisor it would cut that to one supervisor to three employees which seemed excessive at first glance. Mr. Henson wanted to get council’s feedback about the issue. Mr. Henson stated that he doesn’t feel real strongly one way or the other about it. Mr. Spears stated that he’s not sure about it either. Mr. Spears asked Chief Kramer about how much time is being spent on supervisory duties versus patrolman duties. Chief Kramer stated that currently all supervisors, including himself, perform basic patrol functions. Each supervisor has administrative duties in addition to the patrol functions.

Chief Kramer stated that several years he approached council about filling the sergeant's position that came open to fill the lieutenant's position. He ultimately hopes to add additional personnel to the police department. He explained his reasoning in his five-year plan. The activity level now is much greater than the numbers they were handling when they added their 12th officer a few years ago. They're handling more calls per officer per year now than they were then.

Mr. Henson stated that the resident's letter made reference to that once a person is made supervisor they are no longer available for calls. Chief Kramer stated that is not true; he directs school traffic in the mornings himself. The lieutenant and supervisor handle more calls than some of our line officers do. Chief Kramer stated that our department does not have a lot of opportunities to give people different assignments, we have very little turnover, for the young officers or the officers that have been with us for any length of time, unless we give them some sort of opportunity to do something towards career growth, they'll start looking elsewhere.

Mr. Guenther stated that it seems Chief Kramer needs additional supervisory roles in the police department and Mr. Rolfes agrees with that, therefore he would be interested in seeing what other comparable sized police departments have in terms of ratio of supervisors to patrol officers. But if they feel this is what is needed he feels they presented a good argument for it and he would be reluctant to substitute his judgment for the chief's. Mr. Schreiber agreed; stating that we have to give a reason for someone wanting to work here or hope that they could be promoted. Mr. Steffen agreed and stated he was in favor of the sergeant promotion. Mr. Grady asked if a clerk could help alleviate any administrative duties. Chief Kramer responded a clerk could relieve some duties but not all. Mr. Henson stated that he is in favor of the promotion. Mrs. Atkinson also is in favor of it. No action will be taken at this time.

Budget Amendments – Mr. Rolfes gave council a list of items needed for a budget amendment. First reading of the budget amendment ordinance will be held at the next meeting.

Floating Holiday – Council had given approval earlier in the year to give full time employees an extra floating holiday this calendar that would go into effect after it was added to the personnel policies but time constraints have prevented the policies to be amended before the end of the year therefore, it was asked that employees be given an extension to March 31, 2006, in which to take their day off. Council concurred; see municipal order 2005-07.

Summit Fire invoice for repair – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the emergency repair invoice to repair the driver window on old 174 from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$44.25 because the item is in the best interest of the public and the city; seconded by Mr. Steffen. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Sperti Drive Zoning Issue – Mr. Grady informed council the outcome of the planning and zoning meeting, in which he attended, regarding the Sperti Drive zone change request from industrial to highway commercial. Planning and zoning denied the request because it is not in conformance with the Madison Pike corridor that they're devising. The staff recommendation had to do with the configuration of the corridor in which they envision a roundabout near Old Madison and Madison. They also envision Sperti Drive meeting at the roundabout and to be an access street. Planning and zoning stated, "Using Sperti Drive will provide access to the signalized intersection at Dudley Pike and Madison Pike". Mr. Schreiber asked about the Paul Michels property; Mr. Michels had plans for his property and Mr. Schreiber wanted to know how this would affect it. Mr. Grady has a map of the area, which shows them going through Michels' property. Ft. Wright rejected Mr. Michels' plans. The city will receive a report from planning and zoning regarding their decision, at that point; the city will have to make a decision.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2005-10-12 Amending nuisance ordinance adding ATV regulations – 2nd reading – Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, IN REGARD TO NUISANCES.

Mr. Spears made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2005-10-12; seconded by Mr. Steffen.

John Rauch, 3108 Village Drive, spoke in opposition of the ordinance. He believes the riding time limit is too long; they're too loud and too dangerous. He further stated that the 150' distance to stay away from another dwelling is not enough. Mr. Rauch invited council to visit his property in order to hear the ATV's. Council said they would be willing to visit his property. He further stated that some of the signatures that Don Doud, 3068 Village, obtained from neighbors asking if the ATV's bothered them, were from neighbors that are either not home very often or they don't live close to him. Mr. Grady agreed with Mr. Rauch regarding the signatures stating that it didn't make any sense.

Mr. Grady contacted a Union councilman to discuss their regulations on ATV's. They have second reading coming up with their ordinance which requires registration with the city clerk and a \$25 fee; hours of operation are 9 am to 9 pm; must be operated at a slow crawl within 500' of an adjoining residence; can only be used for working purposes when the lot size is less than five acres.

Mr. Grady asked Mr. Doud if 250' sounded unreasonable to him. Mr. Doud said that he would have to see how much that would cut into the area in which they have permission to ride on. Mr. Doud said that he didn't think 250' would still be enough for Mr. Rauch and he apologized to Mr. Rauch that the ATV bothers him but he said they're not as loud as he claims them to be. He further stated that he doesn't think there is anything they could do to please Mr. Rauch.

Mr. Guenther agreed somewhat with some of Mr. Rauch's points and said he would consider making the ordinance more restrictive in the future; however he believes the ordinance that they're passing now was based upon the fact that they could build [a consensus] on it. Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Spears agreed.

Roll call vote. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.** Mr. Grady stated that he wanted to see a measure like this passed and this was as restrictive as he thought council would go and said he was sorry he felt that and voted yes.

Municipal Order 2005-07 authorizing floating holiday – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt municipal order 2005-07; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Recycle your old computers/electronics at the Sanitation District on November 19th from 9 am to 3 pm.
- Tree Lighting – November 27th at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Chili cook-off entries must be there by 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:15p.m.; seconded by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor John D. Link

Attest: _____
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk
Date passed: _____