

CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2004
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, Dale Henson, Mark Steffen and Ray Spears. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. David MacMillan and City Administrator Roger Rolfes were absent.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – **August 2, 2004 minutes** - Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to adopt the August 2, 2004 as written; seconded by Mr. Henson. Mr. Guenther abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstain.**

August 23, 2004 special meeting minutes – Mr. Steffen made a correction to page two line seven in regards to his statement that said “Mark Steffen inquired about the value of your home and how it is assessed, the process, and how often.” Mr. Steffen said it should read, “Mr. Steffen stated the city has no role in determining the value of a home, how it is assessed, or how the process works”. “Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt the August 23, 2004 minutes as corrected; seconded by Mr. Spears. Mr. Henson abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes - 1 abstain.**

August 30, 2004 special meeting minutes – Mr. Guenther made a correction to page three, the fourth full paragraph, fourth line from the bottom in regards to his statement that said “Mr. Guenther said it’s clear what the majority of council wants and he would like to join them and go with a consensus and for that reason he will not vote on this” he said it should read, “Mr. Guenther said it’s clear what the majority of council wants and he would like to join them to build a consensus. Mr. Guenther requested council to table the vote until a later meeting”. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt the August 30, 2004 minutes as corrected; seconded by Mr. Grady. Mr. Steffen abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes - 1 abstain.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor’s Report - Mayor Link thanked the Make-A-Wish Foundation and sponsors of the event for a job well done at the wiffle ball tournament this past weekend. Presented a proclamation today to the Health South Rehabilitation Center for “National Rehabilitation Week” this week.

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

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brookwood Commons/Schreiber Development – Mr. Wichmann submitted the security gate specs and hasn’t received a response yet.

Advanced Life Support (ALS) – council reviewed a memo from Mr. Rolfes explaining that the city will contract with Kenton County Fiscal Court to provide ALS to our residents until July 1, 2005 then the city will contract with the City of Erlanger to provide ALS.

NEW BUSINESS – **Approve purchase of three rolls of 3M reflective tape from Summit Fire Apparatus for \$135.00** – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the purchase of 3 rolls of 3M reflective tape from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$135 because the item being purchased is in the best interest of the public and the city due to price; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Approve emergency repair invoice from Summit Fire Apparatus for repair to engine 152 at the cost of \$728 – throttle repairs. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the service on engine 2 for the throttle from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$728.92 because the item purchased is in the best interest of the public and the city due to emergency repair; seconded by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2004-08-11 adopting the FY 04/05 property tax rate at \$.250 per \$100 assessed value – 2nd reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, THAT IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR CITY PURPOSES, BY THE USE OF THE ANNUAL COUNTY ASSESSMENT THEREOF BY THE PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR OF KENTON COUNTY; AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH BEGINS JULY 1, 2004 AT THE RATE OF \$0.250 DOLLARS FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS OF THE VALUATION THEREOF SO ASSESSED; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES, AND PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; AND DESCRIBING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH TAXES SO COLLECTED SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND USED.

Mr. Guenther commented that he had some concerns about the fiscal responsibility of spending \$6-7 million on capital improvement projects and then decreasing the tax rate only several months later with that being said, his analysis on the impact of the ordinance on this year's budget and also the long term implications of it, he feels comfortable in going ahead and passing the ordinance. ~~Mr. Grady stated the city will still receive substantial increases in payroll taxes.~~ [Mr. Grady stated there is a tendency to overlook how much revenue is being generated by the payroll tax. In the past three years that tax has generated a total of \$449,000 more than anticipated in the budget]. Mayor Link stated that when the city reaches fiscal year 2005 we will need to review it then and remember that Dudley Road that was maintained by the county has been turned over to the city for maintenance, which was not planned for. Mr. Spears believes that the \$7 million city building expenditure will put a strain on our budget and said that we've spent nearly all of our reserves that took years to accumulate which we could have used on the changes that the city now faces like being responsible for the county roads inside the city limits and disagreed that proceeding with the new city building had no impact on the budget. Mr. Spears further stated that it is ~~physically~~ [fiscally] irresponsible to [assume we can] lock in all future councils to ~~assume they are going to~~ vote for the compensating plus 4% rate; we've spent our savings and incurred a lot more debt. Mr. Steffen said in regards to the city building he thought that council voted unanimously that we had to address the needs of our fire and police departments and it wasn't a \$6 million expenditure versus \$0, they're were two options basically it was \$6M vs. \$5.3M and no matter what we did it was going to be a major commitment to the future of this city. He further stated that we were committing funds to do things, it was a responsible action to take; we disagreed on the final building. He said the difference in the impact to the budget on the early basis is about \$40,000 year, that's less than 1% of our budget, we were going to make a major commitment to our facilities no matter what, he agreed it was a lot of money and we disagreed on the final finances but we did it the best way we could do it. Mr. Spears disagreed with Mr. Steffen's figures. Mr. Henson agreed with Mr. Steffen and said we choose the most feasible and most responsible plan that happened to have the highest price tag but it doesn't mean that it's irresponsible. Mr. Steffen is in agreement with council to keep the tax rate at \$.250.

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2004-08-11; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 Nays.**

Proclamation 2004-04 Health South Rehabilitation Week – Mayor Link read the proclamation. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt proclamation 2004-04; seconded by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Municipal Order 2004-15 authorizing the city to contract with Kenton County Fiscal Court and Transcare to provide advanced life support services - Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt municipal order 2004-15; seconded by Mr. Grady. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Municipal Order 2004-16 authorizing the city to pay \$20,943 annually to the Kenton County Fiscal Court for ten years for mobile data terminals - Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt municipal order 2004-16; seconded by Mr. Steffen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Ordinance 2004-09-13 authorizing and directing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal agreement with Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission for services and an agreement enforcing zoning, building, property maintenance and other ordinances of the city – 1st reading – Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY TO SIGN AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES THEREBY TO THE CITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ZONING, BUILDING, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND OTHER ORDINANCES OF THE CITY.

Ordinance 2004-09-14 making the 2002 Kentucky residential code a part of the permanent records of the city and adopting the provisions thereof – 1st reading – Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MAKING THE 2002 KENTUCKY RESIDENTIAL CODE A PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORDS OF THE CITY AND ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS THEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO.

Resolution 2004-07 Adopt -A-Unit - the city is adopting a paratrooper unit from Ft. Polk, Louisiana that is serving in Iraq. The city will collect supplies and ship them to the unit; donations can be dropped off at the clerk's office. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt resolution 2004-07; seconded by Mr. Steffen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Taste of Edgewood, September 25 & 26 at Freedom Park
- Municipal Government League Dinner will be held at the Senior Center on September 29th at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Spears made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed 6 – 0.**

Mayor John D. Link

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