1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidinger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Councilmember Lowry led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Daryl Eidinger, Councilmember John C. West, Councilmember Mark Creley, Councilmember Luke Meyers, Deputy Mayor Tyron Christopherson, Councilmember Stephanie Hunter, Councilmember Roseanne Tomy, Councilmember Nate Lowry.

Staff Present: Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray, City Clerk Rachel Pitzel, Community Development Director Darren Groth, Public Works Director Jeremy Metzler, Police Chief Micah Lundborg, Carol Morris, City Attorney.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. AUDIENCE COMMENT

Robert Matney – discussed a public records request regarding the construction on 122nd.

Lora Butterfield- thanked Mayor Eidinger for his support to the Chamber of Commerce and being one of the Mayors who spoke at the FME Chamber lunch at the State of the City Address luncheon, she noted he did a wonderful job and stated the Chamber gets great support from the City of Edgewood and their business owners and wanted to express her thanks.

Shawnna Shuler – discussed the apartment complexes off of Jovita and Meridian and traffic revisions.

Enid Duncan – discussed traffic, development of apartments on Meridian; sewer; Growth Management Act; roads and transportation.

Allison Pincas – discussed the utility tax discussion on the agenda and her support of a yes vote. She noted she attended the Town Hall meetings and found the discussions have been useful, and helped her understand the need for the utility tax.

3. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Eidinger spoke about the following:

- Completed our series of four Town Meetings to inform the public about upcoming potential council action. Thank you all for your active participation. I think the feedback from the public was beneficial to all of us. Tonight we will see the matter on the agenda for your consideration.
- Chief Lundborg and Deputy Wheeler are in training this week and so we have Deputy Bob Nelson filling in this week in his absence. The Community Academy continues to have good attendance.
• Staff and Mayor met with CenturyLink as a follow up to their council time. They committed to sending all of you an updated contact list. They showed us a map of their service area to the community that they were unable to leave with us.

• Spring Clean Up Week with Murray’s Disposal starts April 9th. Details of what extra can be put out are on the website and in the Edgewood Magazine.

• The next monthly movie, Ninjago, is Friday April 6th.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda includes items that are routine in nature and are adopted by one motion. Should Council wish to discuss a consent agenda item, the item would be removed from the consent agenda and discussed under Council Business.

The following items are presented for Council approval:

A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2018,
B. Town Hall Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2018,
C. Town Hall Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2018,
E. AB 18-011, a motion approving March 2018 Budgeted Expenditures as follows: Deferred Compensation Program; Payroll Direct Deposit and Payroll Check No. 10607; Dept. of Retirement Systems; and IRS 941 ACHs in the amount of $52,287.13; with Vendor Check Numbers 23204-23219 with EFT Payments in the amount of $210,338.64. Total distributions submitted for review & authorization in the amount of $262,625.77

Motion: As Read, Action: Approve, Moved by Councilmember Roseanne Tomyn, Seconded by Councilmember Stephanie Hunter. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. AB 18-0520, a motion to accept first reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 18-0520, relating to taxation of utility providers, establishing a six percent (6%) Utility Tax on the gross income of those engaged in the following businesses: Telephone, Cellular Telephone, Cable TV, Electricity, Water, Gas Distribution, Storm Water/Sewage Services and Solid Waste Collection; establishing standards and procedures for collection of the same; establishing penalties for failure to timely register or pay the utility tax; establishing an appeal process, adopting a New Chapter 5.08 in the Edgewood Municipal Code, describing the procedure for a referendum, providing for severability, and fixing an effective date

Asst. City Administrator Dave Gray summarized the ordinance with Council.

Mayor Eidinger thanked the staff and Council for all of their hard work they put forth over the last year on this agenda item.

Public Comments:

Colleen Wise- thanked everyone for their hard work on this item, she noted she encouraged a yes vote.

Enid Duncan – discussed having another tax against her.

Jason Ramirez- noted he is against this tax, and noted it would be $41 a month for his household. He stated he is still unclear of what this new tax will provide and wanted to know what new services the city will get with this new tax.
Robert Matney – discussed opposing the utility tax, and it going to a vote of the people.

Shawnna Shuler – stated she had questions in regard to the utility tax - Does it guarantee to keep staff at all times or until a recession hits. What other services would this money create and would it continue year after year.

Discussion took place with Council and staff providing information on the utility tax.

Motion: Accept first Reading and Adoption, Action: Approve, Moved by Councilmember Stephanie Hunter, Seconded by Councilmember Luke Meyers. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Councilmember Lowry noted that it does require a vote of the people if the city wanted to increase the rate higher than 6%.

6. COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk

Daryl Eidinger, Mayor