



CITY OF DAYTON

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2023

Dayton City Council held a Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Dayton Community Center, 625 Second Avenue.

City Clerk Tristan Klein delivered the roll call. Members present were Mayor Baker, Member Nyman, Member Kelly, Member Lovins, Member Wirick, Member Volter, Member Neary, and City Administrator Fossett.

Mayor Baker opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Baker congratulated Member Wirick on getting married.

Minutes:

Motion by Member Neary to approve the June 2023 City Council Minutes. Motion seconded by Member Kelly. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Will Weber, Southbank Partners: Southbank Partners CEO, Will Weber, presented to the Council and public the scope of work that Southbank does for and with its partners, highlighting the Riverfront Commons project.

Fire Captain Adam Hall Retirement Recognition: Mayor Ben Baker recognized Fire Captain Adam Hall for his twenty-six years of service to the Bellevue-Dayton communities.

Citizens to address the City:

There were no audience comments regarding legislation on the agenda.

Ordinances:

Motion carried-so ordered.

- **Second Reading of Ordinance No 2023-10** – An Ordinance closing and vacating two alleys located in the blocks bounded by Third Avenue, Clay Street, Fifth Avenue, and Greendevils Lane.

Motion made by Member Volter to approve Ordinance 2023#10. Motion seconded by Member Nyman. Comments: No comments by City Council.



All voted aye.

Motion carried-so ordered.

- **Second Reading: Ordinance 2023-11** – An Ordinance adopting an updated Code of Ethics and authorizing the City to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Northern Kentucky Regional Ethics Authority and the cities and counties who are members of this Authority.

Motion made by Member Lovins to approve Ordinance 2023#11. Motion seconded by Member Wirick. Comments: No comments by City Council.

Member Kelly	Aye
Member Lovins	Aye
Member Wirick	Aye
Member Volter	Aye
Member Neary	Aye
Member Nyman	Aye

Motion carried-so ordered.

Orders/Resolutions:

- **Order Resolution 2023-22R** – An Order-Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Bellevue, Kentucky, allowing golf carts to enter into and travel within both cities.

Motion was made by Member Nyman to adopt Order Resolution 2023-22R. Motion seconded by Member Lovins.

Comments: Member Volter asked for clarification on how the City of Dayton would handle golf cart traffic on 6th Avenue if Bellevue does not allow golf cart traffic on Fairfield Avenue. City Administrator Fossett stated that Dayton’s rules would not change; however, Dayton’s ordinance does state that drivers must obey the regulations of each individual municipality.

Member Lovins	Aye
Member Wirick	Aye
Member Volter	Aye
Member Neary	Aye
Member Nyman	Aye
Member Kelly	Aye

Motion carried-so ordered.

Department Head Reports:

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Cassie Patterson introduced Bill Burns, the new Housing Inspector, to the City Council. Mr. Burns gave a quick overview of how the rental inspection program is progressing and reported that 119 inspections have been completed, of which sixty-two passed, fifty-one with minor deficiencies, and six failed. Member Volter asked if the City and Code Enforcement could address the issue of residents putting scrap metal out and it remaining on the sidewalk or lawn for multiple days before being picked up. Resident Baker added the issue of items being left on sidewalks, including vehicles blocking sidewalks, causing safety concerns for pedestrians. City Administrator Fossett stated

that the City would begin by doing a public education campaign to inform the public that items should not block sidewalks and scrap should not be left out for days.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Chris Atkins reported that the department should be fully staffed by the middle of August for the first time in over a year. He also recognized the impact of Captain Adam Hall retiring and wished him the best in retirement.

Police Department: Police Chief David Halfhill reported that a new hire would begin on the 24th, replacing Marksberry, and that the department is currently preparing for the retirement of Sergeant Wilke in October. Member Lovins asked Chief Halfhill if drug use has increased in the City of Dayton. Chief Halfhill stated that there has not been an increase in drug-related citations and that drug arrests have gone down significantly from previous years.

Public Works: Public Works Director Rick Lucas reported that his department had hired one new worker who began two weeks ago and had another new hire who would begin on August 7th, meaning his department would be fully staffed next month. He reported that Public Works has been working on curbs on Dayton Pike and has been busy preparing for the Berry Street Connector.

City Administration: City Administrator Fossett reported that the bump-out construction had begun on 6th Avenue, the Berry Street connector project would begin in the next week, and there are paving and curb projects in progress on Dayton Pike, Boone Street, and Cottonwood.

Audience: Dave Kobza addressed the City Council regarding security cameras at his apartment complex.

New Business:

Member Lovins addressed concerns regarding the condition of trees on private property impacting neighboring properties and asked if anything could be added to city ordinances to require landowners to maintain trees on their property better.

Member Kelly mentioned Summer Bash, hosted by the Police Department, which would be hosted on Saturday, July 22nd.

City Administrator Fossett highlighted the upcoming Final Friday event and the kickoff of the Rope Walk district.

Member Neary thanked Caitlin Sparks for the pop-up bike shop that was hosted at Gil Lynn Park, requested that the city consider petitioning the State of Kentucky to make the Ervine Terrace intersection a 4-way stop, and requested that the City explore options for better identifying where the income from the sale of surplus equipment is designated and that income from the sale of properties be designated to Economic Development.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Member Neary to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Motion seconded by Member Volter. Meeting adjourned.

Ben Baker

Mayor

Attest:

Tristan Klein
City Clerk/ Treasurer