



## CITY OF DAYTON

Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2025

Dayton City Council held a Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dayton Community Center, 625 Second Avenue.

City Clerk Tristan Klein delivered the roll call. Members present were Member Tarris Horton, Member Joe Neary, Member Christina Kelly, Member Aaron Judd, Member Jessica Lovins, City Administrator Fossett, and Mayor Baker. Member Nyman was absent.

Mayor Baker opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Baker delivered his monthly report. He welcomed new councilmembers Horton and Judd and commended the Dayton Public Works Department on their snow removal efforts in the thirteen-inch snow fall from the previous week.

**Dayton Heritage Museum Presentation – Laura Moeller and Tina Neyer:** Dayton Heritage Museum Board Members Laura Moeller and Tina Neyer gave a presentation and update on the progress with the updates to the Dayton Heritage Museum. Updates include new windows, flooring, roof updates, paint, and some upgrades to the technology. Moeller and Neyer reported that the museum should reopen to the public in 2025.

### Minutes:

A motion was made by Member Neary to approve the December 10, 2024, City Council Minutes. Motion seconded by Member Lovins. All Members Neary, Kelly, and Lovins voted aye. Members Judd and Horton abstained from the vote due to their absence at the December meeting. Motion carried.

### Citizens to address the City regarding items on the agenda:

There were no audience comments regarding legislation on the agenda.

### Ordinances:

- **Second Reading: Ordinance 2024-22:** An Ordinance granting a franchise to Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. to operate an electric and natural gas distribution system within the territorial limits of the City of Dayton, Kentucky, and authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City to execute a franchise agreement between the City and Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for the operation of an electric and natural gas distribution system within the City.

Ordinance 2024-22 was read for second reading. A motion was made by Member Neary to approve Ordinance 2024-22. The motion was seconded by Member Kelly.

Member Neary - aye  
Member Kelly – aye  
Member Judd – aye  
Member Lovins – aye  
Member Horton – aye

Motion carried. So ordered.

### Orders/Resolutions:

- **Order Resolution 2025-1R:** An Order/Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute contracts with property owners on Grant Park Drive and to accept a declaration of easements from one property owner for the purpose of making public improvements at these properties for the purpose of collecting and directing stormwater and groundwater from these properties into the public stormwater system on Grant Park Drive.

Order Resolution 2025-1R was read. A motion was made by Member Judd to approve Order Resolution 2025-1R. The motion was seconded by Member Neary.

Member Kelly – aye  
Member Judd - aye  
Member Lovins – aye  
Member Horton – aye  
Member Neary - aye

Motion carried- so ordered.

- **Order Resolution 2025-2R:** An Order/Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to execute a professional services agreement with Mike Yeager and Compass Infrastructure Group, LLC to provide professional engineering services to the City of Dayton, Kentucky.

Order Resolution 2025-1R was read. A motion was made by Member Kelly to approve Order Resolution 2025-1R. The motion was seconded by Member Horton.

Member Judd – aye  
Member Lovins – aye  
Member Horton – aye  
Member Neary - aye  
Member Kelly - aye

Motion carried- so ordered.

**Public Works:** Public Works Director Rick Lucas delivered the monthly report for Public Works, including a report on their snow removal efforts which used up 75 tons of salt.

**Code Enforcement:** Cassie Patterson, Code Enforcement Officer, delivered the monthly report for Code Enforcement, which included a review of the Rental Inspection Program progress over the previous two years. She reported that there were 1,608 rental properties; of those, 1,586 have been inspected and 1,216 passed. There were 349 that passed with minor deficiencies and 21 that failed.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Brent Schafer delivered the monthly report for his department, including that two of his employees received commendations from St. Elizabeth on having excellent response times during stroke emergencies.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Dave Halfhill delivered the monthly report for the police department, including reporting that former Dayton K9 Officer Tessa had passed away, Officer Kubala would be leaving the department, and there is a new hire, Caleb Crawford, who will be attending the police academy in March. Chief Halfhill also reported that Officer Jacob Smith had been elected “Officer of the Year” by the department.

**City Administrator:** City Administrator Jay Fossett delivered his monthly report, including an overview of the Dayton Public Works policies on snow removal. Administrator Fossett also gave an update on the new lights on Dayton Pike and the Riverfront Commons Phase II and III projects.

**Audience Comments:** none

**New Business:** none

**Executive Session: Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b): Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency; and (c): Discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency:** A motion was then made by Member Kelly and seconded by Member Neary to enter Executive Session. City Clerk Tristan Klein read the KRS regarding Executive Session prior to the Council entering. Council entered Executive Session at 8:07PM.

A motion was made by Member Judd and seconded by Member Lovins to exit Executive Session at 8:50PM. City Administrator Fossett reported that no official action was taken in Executive Session.

City Clerk Tristan Klein then read the following Order Resolution:

- **Order Resolution 2025-3R:** An Order/Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract and execute a deed to purchase real estate located at 608 Brooklyn Avenue, Dayton, Kentucky, for \$3,200, subject to the City obtaining a clean title report for the property, payable from the City's Economic Development fund.

Member Kelly made the motion to approve Order Resolution 2025-3R. The motion seconded by Member Judd.

Member Lovins – aye  
Member Horton – aye  
Member Neary - nay  
Member Kelly – aye  
Member Judd – aye

Motion carried- so ordered.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Member Judd to adjourn. Motion seconded by Member Lovins. All Members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

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Ben Baker

Mayor

Attest:

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Tristan Klein

City Clerk/ Treasurer

