



CITY OF DAYTON

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025

Dayton City Council held a Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 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 Jessica Lovins, Member Tarris Horton, Member Joe Neary, Member Beth Nyman, City Administrator Fossett, City Attorney Alex Edmondson, and Mayor Baker. Member Aaron Judd and Member Christina Kelly were 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 thanked everyone for coming out in the snow and reported that the State of the City Address would be delivered at the March meeting.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Member Neary to approve the January 14, 2025, City Council Minutes. Motion seconded by Member Lovins. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Citizens to address the City regarding items on the agenda:

There were no audience comments regarding legislation on the agenda.

Ordinances:

None

Orders/Resolutions:

- **Order Resolution 2025-4R:** An Order/Resolution of the City Council of the City of Dayton, Kentucky, opposing any action by the Kentucky General Assembly, in full or in part, which provides for the centralized collection of local occupational business fees/taxes by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Order Resolution 2025-4R was read. A motion was made by Member Neary to approve Order Resolution 2025-4R. The motion was seconded by Member Lovins.

Member Horton – aye
Member Neary – aye
Member Nyman – aye
Member Lovins – aye

Motion carried- so ordered.

- **Order Resolution 2025-5R:** An Order/Resolution of the City Council of the City of Dayton, Kentucky, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Southbank Partners, Inc. to serve as an instrumentality of the City and the other Southbank cities to pursue regional, collaborative strategies to promote economic growth in Dayton and other cities.

Order Resolution 2025-5R was read. A motion was made by Member Neary to approve Order Resolution 2025-5R. The motion was seconded by Member Nyman.

Member Neary - aye
Member Nyman – aye
Member Lovins – aye
Member Horton – aye

Motion carried- so ordered.

- **Order Resolution 2025-6R:** An Order/Resolution of the City Council of the City of Dayton, Kentucky, authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an Amended and Restated Home Office Payment Agreement; and further authorizing such other actions as may be required in furtherance of the foregoing.

Order Resolution 2025-6R was read. A motion was made by Member Lovins to approve Order Resolution 2025-6R. The motion was seconded by Member Nyman.

- Member Nyman – aye
- Member Lovins – aye
- Member Horton – aye
- Member Neary – aye

Motion carried- so ordered.

Public Works: Public Works Director Rick Lucas was absent due to snow.

Code Enforcement: Cassie Patterson, Code Enforcement Officer, delivered the monthly report for Code Enforcement, which included a report that the Rental Inspection program is down to the final seventeen rental inspections, and of those, fifteen have been scheduled for February. She reported that the information collected during the Rental Inspection process has been invaluable to both her department and the police and fire departments.

Police Department: Police Chief Dave Halfhill delivered the monthly report for the police department.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Brent Schafer delivered the monthly report for his department, including that the department has two new hires and two promotions. He also reported that the former Assistant Chief, Dayton Fire Department and Fire Department of Bellevue-Dayton Fire Board member Mike O'Day Sr. received the Northern Ky Firefighters Association Lifetime achievement award.

Chief Schafer also reported that there is a fire board meeting scheduled for February 20th.

City Administrator: City Administrator Jay Fossett delivered his monthly report, including that the City has welcomed a new business, Wayfarer Tavern, and the Big Mac Bridge is reopened after being closed since November 1.

Member Neary asked City Administrator Fossett what the status is on the rerouting of Route 8, and City Administrator Fossett reported that he is waiting on information back from the Department of Transportation following their traffic study.

Member Nyman asked City Administrator Fossett what the status is of the proposed pickleball courts. City Administrator Fossett gave an update, including the delay due to the litigation over the rights to develop the land near the Dayton Community Center, which is where the pickleball courts were proposed to be built. City Administrator Fossett reported that there is a meeting scheduled for next week with an expert to discuss possibilities for pickleball courts at Gil Lynn park. Member Horton expressed his support for moving the project forward.

Audience Comments: none

New Business:

Member Horton requested further consideration of a contract with Campbell Media. Discussion was had on the topic, with a proposal that further information be gathered and reported back by the March meeting as the possible cost of \$40,000 would likely require a budget amendment.

Member Neary requested information about the status of the federal grants the City is including in the current budget given the spending freeze in the federal government. Assistant Administrator Jerrod Barks offered some insight into the status of the budgeted funds.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Member Neary to adjourn. Motion seconded by Member Nyman. All Members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Ben Baker

Mayor

Attest:

Tristan Klein

City Clerk/ Treasurer