



CITY OF DAYTON

Regular Council Meeting Minutes -DRAFT
October 13, 2026

Dayton City Council held a Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dayton Community Center, 625 Second Avenue.

City Clerk Tristan Klein delivered roll call. Members present were Member Horton, Member Neary, Member Nyman, Member Kelly, Member Judd, Member Lovins, Assistant City Administrator Fossett, City Attorney Alex Edmondson, and Mayor Baker.

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Baker delivered his report to the City Council, highlighting that he was glad to be back from his extended absence due to his injury in August, and including an update on the Riverfront Commons project, a recap of Dayton's Fall Fest and Senior Luncheon, and a look forward at upcoming Trick or Treating on October 31st from 6pm-8pm and the Dayton Police Department's 5K on October 24th. Mayor Baker also shared a "thank you" the City received from Payton Harshfield, the muralist who completed the Dayton portion of the flood wall mural in Newport, Ky.

Approval of Minutes:

Member Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from September 8th as presented. Member Nyman seconded the motion.

Member Neary abstained from the vote; all other members present voted aye.

Presentations:

- **Susan Beresford – Update on Dayton Steps Project** – Dayton resident and owner of Steel Seamstress, Susan Beresford, addressed the City Council regarding her work on the 10th Street Stair project and some of her ideas for the future of the 10th Street Stairs, now being called "GreenDevil's Backbone."

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

- None

Ordinances:



- **Second Reading: Ordinance 2026-10:** An Ordinance amending the text of the City of Dayton, Kentucky, Zoning to add “Manufactured Home” and modifying the definition of “Mobile Home” in the definitions section, allowing qualified manufactured homes as permitted uses in residential zones, and adding compatibility standards for manufactured homes constructed in the City.

Ordinance 2026-10 was read for second reading. Member Judd made a motion to approve the reading. Motion was seconded by Member Horton. The City Clerk delivered a roll call:

Member Neary	aye
Member Nyman	aye
Member Kelly	aye
Member Judd	aye
Member Lovins	aye
Member Horton	aye

Motion carried. So ordered.

Orders/Resolutions:

- **Order Resolution 2026-15R:** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Dayton, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the Riverfront Commons – Levee Walking Trail Improvements Project, Item No. 06-00468.00, Federal Project Number 3002-390, and ratifying the terms and conditions thereof.

Member Nyman made a motion to approve the reading of Order Resolution 2026-15R. Member Judd seconded the motion. The City Clerk delivered a roll call:

Member Nyman	aye
Member Kelly	aye
Member Judd	aye
Member Lovins	aye
Member Horton	aye
Member Neary	aye

Motion carried. So ordered.

- **Order Resolution 2026-16R:** An Order/Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a License Agreement with Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance Incorporated to allow route marking, signage, maintenance, and other services in connection with the construction and operation of Jamestown Pike Park Trail Project.

Member Neary made a motion to approve the reading of Order Resolution 2026-16R. Member Kelly seconded the motion. The City Clerk delivered a roll call:

Member Kelly	aye
Member Judd	aye
Member Lovins	aye
Member Horton	aye
Member Neary	aye
Member Nyman	aye

Department Directors' Monthly Reports:

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Director Cassie Patterson delivered the monthly report for the Code Enforcement Department.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Brent Schafer delivered the monthly report for the Fire Department.

Police Department: Police Chief David Halfhill delivered the monthly report for the Police Department.

Public Works: Public Works Superintendent Rick Lucas delivered the monthly report for the Public Works Department.

City Administrator's Report:

Assistant City Administrator Barks delivered his monthly report, including an update on the 7th Street Slide project, information regarding a job opening in Dayton Public Works, an update on Gil Lynn painting, and informed the City Council that the City would be receiving a grant from Kentucky League of Cities.

Audience Comments:

- Bobby Bell, a resident at 314 3rd Ave, addressed the council regarding his concerns with the alley and retaining wall behind his residence.
- Jerry Huntley, a resident at 585 Manhattan Blvd, addressed the council regarding the cameras at Gil Lynn Park.

New Business:

- Council Committee Updates: Member Judd stated that the Sports and Recreation Council Committee had no update, and Member Horton informed the Council that he would like to re-join the Sports and Recreation Committee to be involved with the project going on at the old Davis Field. Member Judd stated that the Finance Council Committee met prior to the meeting and would meet again on January 12th, 2027. Member Beth Nyman gave an update from the Marketing and Communication Council Committee and invited the public to attend the Marketing and Communication Council Committee meeting the following day.



- Member Neary reminded the Council that the Dayton football team would have a home game on Friday night.
- Member Neary also informed the City Council that the Park Board would like to rename Clark Street Park to Tacoma Park.

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.

Member Nyman made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b). Member Judd seconded the motion.

All Members present voted aye.

City Council entered Executive Session at 7:43 pm.

Member Neary made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:24pm. Member Nyman seconded the motion.

Mayor Baker reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Member Neary to adjourn. Member Kelly seconded the motion.

All Members voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Ben Baker, Mayor

Attest:

Tristan Klein, City Clerk/ Treasurer

