



CITY OF DAYTON

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026

Dayton City Council held a Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dayton Community Center, 625 Second Avenue.

Due to the absence of Mayor Ben Baker, Member Christina Kelly made a motion for Member Beth Nyman to lead the meeting. Member Aaron Judd seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

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

Member Nyman opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – 2026 Property Tax Rate

Member Nyman opened the floor to public comments on a new property tax rate at the compensating rate plus 4% revenue increase: .421 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation of real property.

No comments were made. The hearing was closed.

Approval of Minutes:

Member Horton made a motion to approve the minutes from August 11th as presented. Member Judd seconded the motion.

All members present voted aye.

Member Horton made a motion to approve the minutes from August 25th as presented. Member Lovins seconded the motion.

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

Presentations:

- None

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

- None



Ordinances:

- **Second Reading: Ordinance 2026-9:** An Ordinance providing for the imposition, levy, collection, and apportionment of taxes for the City of Dayton, Campbell County, Kentucky, for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Ordinance 2026-9 was read for second reading. Member Lovins made a motion to approve the reading. Motion was seconded by Member Judd. The City Clerk delivered a roll call:

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

Motion carried. So ordered.

- **First 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 first reading. No action was taken.

Orders/Resolutions:

- **Order Resolution 2026-13R:** An Order/Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Release and Abandonment of an Easement between Cheryl and Roy Newman and the City of Dayton and entering into a new easement between the Newmans and the City in connection with the construction of trail project in Jamestown Pike Park.

Member Judd made a motion to approve the reading of Order Resolution 2026-13R. Member Lovins seconded the motion. The City Clerk delivered a roll call:

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

Motion carried. So ordered.

- **Order Resolution 2026-14R:** An Order-Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Alan Stone Co. Inc. in the amount of \$308,260 to construct a retaining wall



on the northern side of Seventh Avenue at its eastern terminus, which is payable from the City's General Fund.

Member Judd made a motion to approve the reading of Order Resolution 2026-14R. Member Lovins seconded the motion. The City Clerk delivered a roll call:

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

Department Directors' Monthly Reports:

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

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

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

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

City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Fossett delivered his monthly report.

Audience Comments:

- Femi Ajayi addressed the council regarding his concerns with the Rental Inspection program.
- Jerry Huntley, a resident at 585 Manhattan Blvd, addressed the council regarding property taxes.

New Business:

- Council Committee Updates: Member Judd stated there was no update from the Finance Committee and that the Sports and Rec Committee had lost momentum due to multiple committee seat vacancies. Member Beth Nyman gave an update from the Marketing Committee.
- Member Kelly reminded the Council that the Dayton Final Friday would be September 25th and Fall Fest would be October 3rd.

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.
- **Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c):** Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.

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

All Members present voted aye.

Member Horton made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:57pm. Member Kelly seconded the motion.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Member Horton to adjourn. Member Judd seconded the motion.

All Members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Ben Baker, Mayor

Attest:

Tristan Klein, City Clerk/ Treasurer

