

CITY OF DAYTON, KENTUCKY
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2010

A regular meeting of Dayton City Council was held on January 5, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber of the Dayton City Building. Mayor Rankle opened the meeting with a silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Rankle	Present	Member Gunning	Present
Member Ashford	Present	Member Allen	Present
Member Brooks	Present	City Adm. Redmond	Present
Member Volter	Present	City Att. Fischer	Present
Member Boruske	Absent		

City Adm. Redmond reported that Member Boruske is absent due to a sickness in his family and asked that everyone pray for him.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

There is good news to report. The State approved the TIFF Bonds in the amount of \$198,248,000 and approved the county up to \$250,000,000. The consultant said this was the best project she had worked on in thirty years. Currently the pipe work behind the floodwall is under way and there should be about 190 more cubic yard of dirt added by March. Mr. Kersting and C& M Investments are rounding out the plans. They will be ready to start on the boulevard in about a year.

Thanks to everyone who donated and volunteered their time at Light up Dayton. We currently have openings on all city boards. If you would like to serve on a board call the Clerk's Office or send me an e-mail.

Mayor Rankle asked Police Sergeant Antrobus to step forward. James Werner, Police Chief, announced that Sergeant Antrobus has been promoted to Lieutenant and awarded him with his badge and pin. Mayor Rankle said the Police Department has a lot of good things going on and congratulated Lieutenant Antrobus.

Kevin Riley of the Census Bureau addressed council. He thanked City Adm. Redmond and Joni Mallery, Clerk's Office, for their help and allowing him to use the council chamber. The Census Bureau currently has job positions available. They are trying to draw a pool of workers from Dayton. These positions are temporary and part-time. Completion of the census is very important. With a correct count, it will make sure we have the correct numbers of representatives. Fliers are in the local stores and at the City Building. The local office is at Seventh & Madison in Covington, the number is 859-814-2020. If you would like to apply for one of these positions you'll need to bring your driver's license, social security number and take a basic skills test. All the information is confidential and not shared.

Lieutenant Mark Antrobus read the following letter from Corporal Ben Wiesner who is in the hospital.

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all the "angels" who helped me make a special families' holiday possible. In 2007 I met Mrs. Stephanie Williams and shortly thereafter she and her family fell on especially hard times. She is the mother of 6 great children and her husband lost his job, so with 6 people relying on them they fell hard and fast. This particular family is special to me because often times in my line of work, I see children of large low-income families slip through the cracks and spiral out. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have done a tremendous job because every one of their children are driven and good students and they are all polite and so positive. I can attest to this firsthand. No matter how difficult her life is at any given time, Mrs. Williams tries to put a positive spin on it and is still able to put others before her. Last year we were able to donate \$100 to them to help. Before knocking on the door to give them the check I peeked in the window...to kind of see who they really were, and they were all in the kitchen making a gingerbread house. That touched my heart. They always manage to keep their family upbeat and together and wholesome no matter what and I think that is unfortunately a rarity nowadays. This Christmas I wanted them to be able to rejoice and be a little more relaxed so I tried to get the kids involved in an organization that was specifically for this exact situation. That didn't pan out so I began to put together what I thought was going to be a modest donation for them and boy was I wrong! I was able with the help of many wonderful and kindred hearts to give them quite a generous Christmas! Truly, I can't thank everyone enough. I didn't expect that level of generosity and it really humbled me. I brought my 5 year old son with me to deliver all the gifts that my wife had wrapped for them, making sure each was perfect and said "Love Santa" on it. I wanted to share the energy of the moment with him and show him what giving really is. In his 5 year old innocence, on the way home he said he was proud that we could make that family happy and he remarked how lucky he was to be able to have what he has...which is huge insight coming from a 5 year old boy. That right there was it for me. I feel selfish because so many citizens were the real angels who made this possible, I was just the messenger. I wish everyone who helped could have been there and seen all the kids faces when we carried an entire truckload of gifts in. I just wanted to tell all of you thank you from my heart, and how proud I am to be part of a city who really steps it up and helps....who walks the walk. I feel like I work for a city who has integrity and that really is an honor. Thank so much and God Bless!

City Adm. Redmond said the city is very thankful for people like Corporal Ben Wiesner. Thank you Ben.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Request for a handicap parking space for William Harney, 437 Eighth Ave. Mr. Harney does meet all the requirements. He does not own the house but lives with his daughter. The daughter has the handicap permit in her car the car she drives everyday. The father is eligible but he does not drive. The following letter was received from a neighbor; the elderly Mr. Harney leaves every day by bus. He is taken to an adult day care facility. Besides, that, he never almost never leaves unless he is not being watched and sometimes "escapes" and roams the neighborhood. He has tried to get into my house on several occasions, including the first night we stayed here. On the very rare occasion that he is taken any where, he is taken in the SUV which they do not park in the handicap spot. I have pictures of this.

Even if it meets the criteria I recommend no. It's just not right. Motion by Member Volter, seconded by Member Ashford to deny the request. Motion carried—so ordered.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Member Allen, seconded by Member Brooks to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2009 meeting as received. Member Gunning abstained. Motion carried—so ordered.

DEPARTMENT HEAD'S REPORT:

Dennis Lynn, Fire Chief, reported the totals for 2009 were down. The squad runs were down by 81 and the fire/incident runs were down by 99. The fire department sponsored 10 families this year for Christmas, five from Dayton and five from Bellevue. A fundraiser is held in Bellevue each year to cover the cost of toys. Dayton and Bellevue are very giving Communities. The next Fire Board meeting will be held in Bellevue on February 17, 2010. A special meeting will be held here on January 13, 7:00 p.m. Since the last council meeting we've been called to Newport for two fires, one in Ft. Thomas and one in Bellevue. We've hired a new firefighter, Mike Gullett; he was one of our volunteer firemen.

Don Riley, Director of Codes, said he has been on the job since July and has enjoyed working with the Planning & Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment and Code Board. They all do a good job and really care about the city. Mayor Rankle thanked Don for the good report that he e-mailed.

Rick Lucas, Supt. P.W., reported the doors at the public work's garage have been repaired and reinforced. Video equipment and light motion sensors have been installed. The snow equipment is up and ready to go. Rick will meet with the highway department about signs on Route 8. He is currently working on street poles and new signs. The new street signs will be installed on the telephone poles, 14' high. The street signs on Sixth Avenue will be 9' high and reflecting. Tree recycling will last until Jan. 15th. City Adm. Redmond said cities are judged by their street signs. The new signs will be black with white letters and a portion of the logo in the sign. This will give the CBD and the area a quality look. It's been done in good taste. Rick came up with a good signage idea for the public parking lot in the 600 block of Sixth Avenue. It will be a two sided sign and look like the steamboat sign, on an angle. You can see the sign East or West. The sign is a gift from Metal Solutions and has a value of about \$1,000.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you received from Rob Kiefer, Hatfield Insurance Agency, thanking City Adm. Redmond for the opportunity to quote the City of Dayton and his great help throughout the entire process. City Adm. Redmond said Mr. Kiefer did a terrific job. We tried to get other quotes but had no luck. Not all want to cover Municipal Government. This year the city saved \$19,000 on health insurance and the dental cost is down 18%. We are very very happy with our services, City Clerk/Treas., Donna Leger agreed.

PETITIONS:

Tom Sparks asked if the KLC was in trouble because of embezzlement. City Adm. Redmond said no, it was just too much credit card use. Yes, the KLC is in trouble but there are certain things the league has that we need, such as the bond pool. It's great. Mayor Rankle said the City of Dayton has been very fiscally responsible. There are some things the KLC still need to address but the whole ship does not need to sink.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Rankle would like the three people on the grant board to get started. We need to get started on the Historical District Designation also. Member Volter will chair this board, if you're interested in serving call the Clerk/Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City needs to come up with a new city flag. Mayor Rankle said he welcomes the idea and would like something with a River Boat.

Mayor Rankle reappointed Dennis Ashford, Cathy Volter and Jean Cole to the Fire Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Member Gunning, seconded by Member Allen to adjourn. Motion carried—so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Leger
Clerk/Treas.

ATTEST:

Kenneth E. Rankle
Mayor