

CITY OF DAYTON, KENTUCKY
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2009

A regular meeting of Dayton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Dayton City Building. Mayor Rankle opened the meeting with a silent prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Rankle	present	Member Gunning	present
Member Ashford	absent	Member Allen	present
Member Brooks	present	City Adm. Redmond	present
Member Volter	present	City Att. Fischer	absent
Member Boruske	present		

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Officer Doug Holt has resigned from the Police Department. Officer Holt has gone to Silver Grove Police Department. Carl Tabar has transferred to the Police Department fulltime.

Mayor Rankle introduced Terry Baute, who has been hired as the Director of Codes. Mr. Baute is a 1999 retired Indian Hills Ranger and has worked for Al. Neyer Construction. Mayor Rankle decided to again hire someone with police experience for the codes job. Mr. Baute said he is glad to be here.

Mayor Rankle welcomed council member Ernie Brooks.

The city is trying to get another cable channel besides the school channel #20. The school has been great to work with but we feel we need our own channel. The city would like to start televising more of our board meetings and help the local businesses with advertising. We are currently negotiating with Insight for franchise rights.

As for Riverfront Development, we should know about the Tif Bonds in February. Mayor Rankle would like to hire an architect for the new City Building, up to \$10,000. DCI will reimburse. Motion by Member Boruske, seconded by Member Volter to hire an architect. Motion carried—so ordered. City Adm. Redmond said we currently have one architect in town, Mr. Lynn Adams. Mr. Adams has worked with the Cincinnati School Board. Mr. Adams will be interviewed.

Marvin Knobloch, Main St. Manager, has been given the job of City Photographer. The city is lacking with promoting ourselves, we need to get our name out there.

The Towne Center looks very nice this year, thanks to the Public Works Department and the Civic Club.

Susan Fielding was in attendance and requested parking on Chateau Drive. Mayor Rankle said the Police Department and Fire Department have no problem with parking on one side. Mrs. Fielding said she lives on Dayton Pike, on the hill. She has a small driveway and no parking for guests. Mayor Rankle said Chateau Drive is one of the widest streets in Dayton and he doesn't see why it would hurt to have parking on one side. How many cars would it accommodate? About 8 or 10. Member Volter asked if there was a streetlight? Currently there is a streetlight at the intersection of Chateau Drive & Dayton Pike and the middle of Chateau Drive, but they are both out. Duke Energy has been called several times. Chief Lynn did not see a problem as long as parking was above the driveway. Council agreed it was worth a try. Motion by Member Boruske, seconded by Member Allen to approve temporary parking on the south side of Chateau Drive. Motion carried—so ordered.

Motion by Member Allen, seconded by Member Brooks to appoint Terry Baute as a Code Enforcement Officer. This gives Mr. Baute the authority to send blight letters and cite. Motion carried—so ordered.

For the record everyone on council has been sworn in, a copy of the oaths will be attached. Officer John Mineer has resigned.

Mayor Rankle reported that in the past the only items that could be discussed at a special council meeting were those that had been listed and sent to the news media. These are still the only items that action can be taken upon in a special meeting. But from now forward people will be allowed to address

council at a special meeting, if action is needed council will just not be allowed to act on the issue until the next regular meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

We are still working on getting a recycling dumpster. At the last meeting, council authorized placement of the dumpster in the parking lot in the 600 block of Sixth Ave. The neighbors were not happy about this. Recently a letter was sent to the person who has a pickup truck full of paper and parks in the lot. Now we'd like to put the recycling dumpster in the parking lot across from the City Building. It will be put in one of the front parking spaces. The residents would have better access and it would be less like to be vandalized. Member Volter felt it would be an eyesore, right on the Avenue. City Adm. Redmond said it will not be attractive but if you can't see it, it will be vandalized. Mayor Rankle said Bobby Fuller, Supt, Public Works, could monitor the recycling dumpster. Member Boruske also felt it would be an eyesore in the front of the lot but the back of the lot would be fine. Member Volter said the residents could drive through the alley and unload quickly. Member Brooks also agreed the back of the parking lot would be better. Council decided to put the dumpster in the back of the parking lot and see how it works for 90 days.

City Adm. Redmond asked for an extension on the \$250,000 streetscape grant. This was the grant we used to purchase the Klingenberg's Building, 505 Berry Avenue and the rehabbing of 701 Sixth Avenue. There is still a balance of \$30,400 left. We will ask to apply street resurfacing work we completed this year, the sidewalk on Seventh Avenue, Walnut Street and McKinney Street toward this Downtown Revitalization Grant. Motion by Member Boruske, seconded by Member Gunning to amend the application on the Downtown Revitalization Grant not to exceed \$30,400 for sidewalks and other work done in the Central Business District. Motion carried—so ordered.

With the Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program the city can buy homes within the Community to be restored and then sold. 1. We can apply for the funds ourselves (no staff). 2. Join the consortium. 3. Work with the Newport Housing – overall county project. Newport housing has got with the consortium. Now Dayton, Bellevue and Newport will apply together. We've come up with 11 homes in the City of Dayton. Three on Ervin Terrace and the others are spread out within the city. There are two pots of funds. 1. Purchase the property, restore, and then sell. You cannot make no more than 130% of the average monthly income. 2. Low income rental property. We will apply for number 1. Member Volter asked who the manager would be. Discussion. City Adm. Redmond would like to continue working with the Newport Housing Authority if there were no objections. If you buy the property you have to live in it for 5 years. No rental. Member Volter asked who decides who receives the money? First the Governor's Office then HUD. City Adm. Redmond said if we get the money we could take and restore 3 or 4 houses in a neighborhood. Newport has the staff. If no objections we will continue. No objections.

The Economic Stimulus Package is \$750,000 billion. The Kentucky League of Cities, Governor's Office and Bunning's Office has asked for a list of projects. We would like to submit the following:

1. Street Scape on Sixth Avenue – Lighting and Walkway.
2. Design and construction of trail and walkway on Dayton Pike.
3. \$150,000 of street work, mostly alleyways.
4. When 275 was built off highway 8, there was an ingress & egress in the plans. We would like this addressed.

The most requested items from River Pointe tenants were the walkway.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Member Boruske, seconded by Member Volter to approve the November 5, 2008 minutes as received. Motion carried—so ordered.

Motion by Member Boruske, seconded by Member Allen to approve the December 9, 2008 minutes as received. Member Gunning abstained. Motion carried—so ordered.

DEPARTMENT HEAD'S REPORT:

James Werner, Police Chief, has posted a job opening for an Officer on the website. There have been numerous responses. Twelve people were interviewed. The top three will be interviewed along with Member Allen this week.

Dennis Lynn, Fire Chief, gave Mayor & Council a copy of his report. The numbers have gone up. There were 2000 squad calls in 2008. Member Volter commended the Fire Department on the great job they did on the Eighth Street Fire.

Marvin Knobloch, Main Street Manager, has started his annual membership drive. We would like 100% this year. Anyone who has events for the community calendar, please contact Marvin. The calendar is updated once a month. The Dayton Business Owners Meeting will be held on the Third Tuesday of the month. We've changed the time and hope to see an increase in attendance. A sewing shop is opening in the old Froggie's Building this month. The new Daycare in the 600 Block of Sixth Avenue is doing well. Please support our businesses; they need your support to stay open.

Bobby Fuller, Supt. Public Works, in conjunction with Campbell County and NKU will again be mulching Christmas Trees this year. Trees are to be delivered to the City Garage. Public Works has submitted a damage report to Fema in reference to damage the city received during the September 2008 windstorm. If approved the city will receive just over \$24,000. The Corp. of Engineer's inspected the floodwall and said several trees must be removed. Public Works will spend the next few weeks removing the trees.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Rankle would like Member Brooks to take over Park & Real Estate. Member Gunning said he would like to change committee's. We need to talk about this. Mayor Rankle said we could setup a special meeting. City Adm. Redmond will setup the meeting.

Finance (Member Volter):

City Adm. Redmond would like to have a finance meeting after the audit is completed.

Public Safety (Member Allen):

No report.

Public Works (Member Ashford):

No report.

Park & Real Estate:

No report

Personnel Law & Printing (Member Gunning):

No report

Economic Development (Member Boruske):

No report.

City Adm. Redmond said currently there are a few issues under Economic Development that Member Boruske knows about but he cannot say anything tonight, it's confidential at this time. The Committee Systems that council has right now works. The Chairman of each committee knows what's going on. Member Brooks will fill those shoes just fine. I don't see a necessity to make changes. But then again Member Gunning might want more to do.

PETITIONS:

Mr. Charles Day is in charge of 137 Sixth Avenue. He received a tax bill for over \$1,400. The bill has a code fine. The code fine letter was sent to 137 Sixth Avenue not his P.O. Box. His sister used to live there but she has moved. The PVA Office has the address list as 137 Sixth Avenue so the code board notification was sent to that address. It was sent certified mail and it came back. Mr. Day said he would have shown for the hearing if he had known. City Adm. Redmond said the only body that can remove the assessment is the Code Board not council. Mr. Day will be notified of the next Code Board Meeting. If in fact the Code Board gives relief you will not owe any penalty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Boruske would like to petition to have a few Street Lights on Lynn Drive. There have been recent break-ins. This will be referred to Public Safety.

The City of Dayton currently taxes insurance premiums, with the exception of life and health insurance. There has been some type of letter going out from the insurance companies addressing unincorporated areas, which may have been taxed for years, but should not have been taxed. This does not affect the City of Dayton.

Member Volter said “No Parking Duke Energy” signs have been up in the 300 block of Fifth Avenue since around Christmas and the poles and dirt are still there, when will the job be completed and the signs taken down? Bobby Fuller, Supt. P.W., recently spoke with Terri at Duke Energy and Duke fixed a few poles fixed on Lindsey and Vine Street but the job has not been completed. We will not approve any more permits until the work is finished. City Adm. Redmond said he is experiencing the same problem. He has gone to the highest level and still cannot get two streetlights fixed. The old days are over. Duke is so large it just doesn’t make a difference. The cost now for a streetlight is \$1,400. The bills are based on lumens; they know what energy the light uses. We are getting billed for poles where the lights are not working.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Rankle entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss KRS 61.810 © discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. Motion by Member Gunning, seconded by Member Allen to go into executive session. Motion carried—so ordered.

Motion by Member Allen, seconded by Member Gunning to go back into regular session. Motion carried-so ordered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Leger
Clerk/Treas.

ATTEST:

Kenneth E. Rankle
Mayor