

CITY OF DAYTON, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Dayton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Dayton City Building. Mayor Rankle opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The city made the newspaper, one of our inmate workers ran. He was up for probation in about a month. The workers we use have not committed violent crimes. We did notify the jail and it has not jeopardized our program.

Thanks to the Civic Club for another successful Easter Egg Hunt this past Saturday.

Rick Lucas, Public Work's Supervisor, showed everyone the new street signs and brackets for Sixth Avenue. The signs will be 14' high and some signs will be 42" in length. Motion by Member Ashford, seconded by Member Boruske to purchase new signs for Sixth Avenue. Motion carried—so ordered.

A new sign has been installed in the city parking lot in the 600 block of Sixth Avenue. We would like to thank Metal Solutions, in the Industrial Park, for this donation.

The city has an ordinance that a person cannot work on vehicles on the city streets. Its okay to fix a flat or fix a light, but it's not okay to have your car up on jacks working on your transmission with grease all over the street. The city will not put up with this.

How does everyone feel about people parking in the opposite direction of traffic? On the steep hills it's a safety issue and that's fine. I noticed a city truck parking on the Avenue today, going in the wrong direction (against traffic), this will not happen again. What is safe and what is not safe? Member Volter said if it's a law you must obey the law. Member Ashford said he never sees it; it's never been a big deal to him. Mayor Rankle agreed if it's on a steep hill it's easier to face downwards. Correct parking would promote a better image in the city. City Adm. Redmond said we do have a city ordinance and it is a state law, but we have not enforced that law. I feel you should not park against traffic. Member Boruske said if you enforce this for one it must be enforced for all. Mayor Rankle asked everyone to give it some thought.

The Police Department has been ticketing residents with out of state license plates. Chief Werner said the hearing board held hearings tonight and the fines were upheld. If you ignore the issue your car will be towed. Mayor Rankle said if your vehicle is parked in Dayton for three nights out of the week it must be licensed in Kentucky. To date 126 vehicles have been ticketed.

Mayor Rankle congratulated the Police Department on their recent drug bust of 4 ½ pounds of marijuana and a gun. Thanks to the Police Department for their hard work and getting this off our streets.

Since \$10,000 seems to be too much for the website, we can redesign the web-site for \$3,500.00 plus another \$60.00 a year to add a link for viewing council meetings. There will be no E-gov. The money can be paid from the cable franchise money that now comes to the city. Motion by Member Boruske, seconded by Member Volter to approve the new website redesign and council viewing for \$3,560.00 Motion carried—so ordered.

City Adm. Redmond reported that July is the deadline for us to bring back our Main Street Manager position. We're looking at partnering with the Riverfront Developers on hiring a Main Street Manager. The person we have in mind is about 25 years old and a college graduate. The developers have committed to funding ½ of the cost. This would be 4-5 days per week.

Ray Zerhusen, Director of the YMCA, addressed council. Ray said the YMCA was a little bit of a mess when he took over. Ray thanked City Adm. Redmond for all his guidance and help. Ray had some trouble with the youth at first but this has been resolved. The inside of the building is in much need of

repair. About 100-120 youth visit the YMCA weekly. Ray has a lot of great programs that he would like to start and would also like to encourage more of the youth to visit the Y. He wants to express to the youth they should have pride in their school and community. I believe in them. The YMCA will close down 3-4 days for maintenance and repairs. After that he will have a grand re-opening. The Skate Park is now open and I will have a zero tolerance policy. Member Volter expressed that the youth he has been having problems with is a small percentage of the children in Dayton and this is not a clear reflection of the kids, school and community. Glad your down their and taking things in the right direction. Ray thanked the community for their donations totaling \$1,500. City Adm. Redmond said Ray is a breath of fresh air. The headquarters for our YMCA is the Campbell County YMCA; this is where Ray comes from. If the Riverfront goes as planned the existing YMCA will be torn down. I'd like a study on using St. Bernard School as a YMCA, that building is a master piece. Ray said the budget is tight right now; he'd like to hire another employee if they can get the funding.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Request from Sally Whalen, 403 Benham Street for a handicap sign. Based upon the criteria, City Adm. Redmond recommended that Ms. Whalen be approved for a handicap sign. Motion by Member Allen, seconded by Member Volter to approve Ms. Whalen's handicap sign. Motion carried—so ordered.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Member Volter, seconded by Member Allen to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2010 meeting as received. Motion carried—so ordered.

There is currently a tentative agreement with Radac, Fifth Third Bank and Active Radiator to pay all the unpaid bonds on the Radac building and reissue taxable municipal bonds to allow Active Radiator to occupy the building. This will extend the bonds an additional 14 years from where they are presently to be paid. We are negotiating a payment in lieu of taxes, to make sure the school system gets a portion of the taxes that are not being paid now. A resolution for the intent to sell taxable municipal bonds will be read at the next council meeting. Member Ashford asked how many employees? They currently have 27 employees and will add an additional 30 employees' in the next 24 months. The city and county have agreed to give back to the company ½% of 1% payroll tax for the next five years. They are also applying for tax incentives from the State. The State is giving 6% of the State earned income tax back to the company for 10 years. The incentive from the State, City and County will start after they hire the additional 30 employees. The Radac Building will again be occupied on September 1st. The hourly wage will be substantially more than previously paid with benefits included. They want to hire Dayton people. It's a family owned business.

On June 1, 2010 Fast Temp will occupy the Willow Green Building. We've also heard another business will be closing in our Industrial Park. We already have a new tenant for the building.

DEPARTMENT HEAD'S REPORT:

Dennis Lynn, Fire Dept, everyone has a copy of Chief Lynn's report.

Don Riley, Director of Codes, announced that anyone doing plumbing or electrical work must have the work inspected by an inspector. This included installing a hot water heater. This has always been in effect and over the last 7-8 years they've started enforcement. You can put the hot water heater in the home you live in but it must be inspected. Your electrical work must also be inspected. If you have rental property the work must be done by a certified plumber or certified electrician.

Rick Lucas, Public Work's Supervisor, said the new street signs will be ordered tomorrow. The concrete work at Sargeant Park has been completed. Special thanks to Chris Wiseman for his help. The annual street repaving was put out for bids and the bids the city received are good.

Mayor Rankle asked Chief Lynn the rules on outside burning in barrels and fire pits. Chief Lynn said anyone burning in the city between October and May must get a burn permit from the Fire Dept. After May no permits are issued. Recreational fires, such as fire pits, are allowed without a permit. A barrel is not a fire pit but you are allowed to burn in a barrel up until May 1, as long as you get a permit from the fire department. May – October is only recreational fires. Mayor Rankle would like to see how other cities handle outside burning.

Standing Committee Reports:

Finance (Member Volter):

No report

Public Safety (Member Allen):
No report.

Park & Real Estate (Member Brooks):
No report.

Personnel, Law & Printing (Member Gunning):
No report.

Economic Development (Member Boruske):
No report.

Mayor Rankle appointed a Committee to take applications for the Façade Grant Funds along Sixth Avenue from O'Fallon to Main Street. The committee consists of Cathy Gordon, Sandy Trutschel and Mike Lenz. Mayor Rankle asked Ms. Gordon to report on the program. The funding is for façade improvements. This is for both business and residential property along the avenue. You can apply for funding to improve your property and this will in turn spruce up the city. The information will be in the next addition of the Dayton Community News. There are very few restrictions and we'd like to expand into other neighborhoods in the future. This is for homeowners only. The board is currently working on colors they would like used. This grant could be used for fencing, sidewalks, porch steps, etc.

Public Works (Member Ashford):

We currently have close to \$200,000 in the Public Works road fund. The city was very fortunate to get the bids out early this year. We've received good numbers back. The lowest bid was Bluegrass Paving. The city has a good history with Bluegrass. We've never had any problems. I'd like to get approval to award the bid to Bluegrass. We did remove two streets from the list due to utility work. They are the 600 and 700 blocks of Walnut St. and Lindsey St., from Vine to Walnut. The bid is \$115,379, much lower than we thought. The only bid we received for concrete street work and curbing was from Hendy at \$20,169. We now have money to do more streets, about \$70,000. Member Ashford would like to see \$25,000 of the \$70,000 used for sidewalk grant for residents. This could be a 50-50 match. Mayor Rankle will turn this over to the Façade Grant Committee. Sixth Avenue between O'Fallon – Main St. will not be involved in this grant because they have a chance at the Façade Grant. Member Ashford said we'll now have about \$45,000 more for black top work. Member Ashford said all the utility companies were contacted and they gave us their word that no street work was scheduled on the streets we wanted to repave. Member Volter suggested asking for something in writing from the utility companies. Rick Lucas said some emergency work could happen. Motion by Member Ashford, seconded by Member Allen to accept the bid from Bluegrass Paving for unit pricing not to exceed \$68.00 per ton which includes milling and hand work. If you adopt this you are buying blacktop at unit price. About \$40,000 for blacktop and \$25,000 to be used for the grant program will be left. If no objections we will hire another \$40,000 in blacktop work for unit pricing. This limits the streets to the streets already listed in the bid and the additional streets that will be added. Council will be notified of those streets. Member Volter would like the residents to call the city building immediately if one of the utility companies come in and dig up the street. Motion carried-so ordered.

Mayor Rankle asked Ms. Gordon if the board would take on the grant process of the sidewalks also. Member Boruske asked if professionals will be doing the sidewalks or can it be done by the homeowners. The job must be done correct and will be inspected before any money is paid out.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you to Mayor Rankle from Cub Scout Pack #66. "Thank you for attending our "Blue & Gold" Dinner. Also, thanks for the cool Dayton Pins."

AUDIENCE:

Julie Smith Morrow lives in Newport and said she is a candidate for the Kentucky Senate District 24; she's here tonight to listen.

Cathy Gordon asked if the city purchased a new Police Cruiser. Yes. At an earlier council meeting it was decided not to spend money on a cruiser. When did this change? Member Boruske said we have money in the budget. We all came to an agreement. Once the money is in the budget we can spend. Ms. Gordon feels; from a viewers points there's a little discrepancy, no raises for the employees and then they get raises, no cruiser and then the city purchases a cruiser. There seems to be a little disconnect as to what is being said and what is done. Member Boruske said that council discussed using money that was allotted to part-time police officers for the cruiser. The part-time police officers have been eliminated. We are within budget.

Bill Burns asked about the Main Street Manager Program. Will it be a 50/50 split with the developer? Mayor Rankle said nothing has been worked out to date, just discussion. We are working towards a written contract. Most likely the city will pay the Main Street Manager and the developer will reimburse the city.

Bob Nolan, Queen City Riverboats, asked about the status on the Riverfront. As you know there is a lawsuit against the developers, said Mayor Rankle. The city has sent a letter to DCI and the Sanitation District, letting them know we are not happy with the riverfront. It's a mess and the sewer line work needs to be completed. Everything is currently in limbo. Hopefully we will have an announcement by the next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Volter reported on the Historical District Committee meeting. We had a nice meeting and are currently in the planning stage. We have a good group of people and if anyone is interested please send me an e-mail. The next meeting of the Historical District Committee is Friday, April 23, 2010. Lunch will be served.

The Southbank Group is having a spin off version of the group to see where we want Southbank to go. The old brochure did not include Dayton. We now pay dues and want to be mentioned in the new brochure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Leger
Clerk/Treas.

ATTEST:

Kenneth E. Rankle
Mayor

