

**Mayor Gary Leitzell Remarks
Swearing In Ceremony
January 4, 2010**

It is truly an honor to be sworn in this morning, and I thank the people of Dayton for putting their trust and confidence in me.

As your Mayor, I understand that I have a lot of work to do. You elected me because you recognized that we need to make some serious, lasting changes in the way our city is run — and we will.

Like many great American cities, Dayton has felt the effects of these difficult economic times. Our citizens need jobs and our business leaders and entrepreneurs need support in helping create those jobs.

Together, we are going to build a new Dayton — one that puts the needs of the taxpayer and the business owner first.

The challenges facing us are great. But our strengths and potential are greater. We will put our men and women back to work. We will keep our streets safe and clean. We will attract new businesses to our city. We will operate City Hall with the knowledge that we work for you, the citizens.

In November, I was hired by the citizens of Dayton to do a job. Well, today is the first day of work and I am ready to get busy. Once again, thank you for your trust and confidence.