

**TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2010**

The Trotwood City Council met in a Workshop Meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Trotwood Community Center, 4000 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood, Ohio. Mayor Cameron invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members present: Councilmember Bettye L. Gales, Council Member Rap Hankins (Absent at roll call, joined Council at 5:40 p.m.), Council Member Nicole Johnson, Council Member Mary A. McDonald, Council Member Barbara J. Staggs, Vice-Mayor Ronald Vaughn (Absent at roll call, joined Council at 5:45 p.m.), and Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

City Manager Michael J. Lucking, Planning and Zoning Administrator Carl Daugherty, Acting Fire & Rescue Chief Rick Wagner, Police Chief Quincy Pope, Acting Battalion Chief Steve Milliken, Rick Haacke, and Clerk of Council Lois M. Singleton.

VISITORS:

Theodore C. Fowler and George Weitendorf.

**PRESENTATION – PROPOSAL FOR REPLACEMENT OF FIRE & EMS EQUIPMENT –
ACTING FIRE & RESCUE CHIEF RICHARD WAGNER:**

City Manager Michael J. Lucking introduced Acting Chief Richard Wagner who introduced Acting Battalion Chief Steve Milliken and Rick Haacke. 2010 – 2015 Strategic Equipment Replacement Plan. The current 2 mil levy will bring in approximately \$600,000 per year. This is a total of \$3,000,000 over the five year term of the levy. Current Fleet of Fire Apparatus: Engine 71`1 – 1981 Pierce Arrow has 125,608 miles, refurbished in 1993, and currently does not meet ISO or NFPA 1901. Ladder 73- 1997 Pierce Lance 105' Aerial has 96,250 miles, and was used on medic assist calls for 9 years. Engine 73 – 1993 Pierce Dash – has 124,350 miles, and well maintained, but mileage is adding up. Engine Tanker 72 – 1991 Pierce Dash – has 85,173 miles, Limited use due to weight, Responds only to the unsupplied areas of the City, and needed to meet ISO ratings. Engine 72 – 2005 Rosenbauer – has 48,250 miles, and has had numerous problems. Rescue 72 – 1993 Marion – has 44,291 miles, and used for air wagon, rehab, haz-mat, auto extrication and incident command. Fire Apparatus – Average miles of 90,883, and average age of 16.83 years. The Plan: Proposed purchase of 2008 Pierce Quantum – 2, 2010 Pierce XLT 105' Aerial. Warranties: Bumper to bumper 2 years, Paint 10 years, CAB construction 10 years, Transmission 5 years/Unlimited miles, Water Tank Lifetime, Stainless Steel Plumbing 10 years, Structure on Aerial Device 20 years, Aerial Hydraulic System 5 years, ABS Brake Systems 3 years/300,000 miles, Detroit Diesel Engine 5 years/100,000 miles, Frame Rails Lifetime, Husky Foam System 5 years, Pressure Gauges 10 years, Front Axle 3 years, Roll up door 10 year corrosion, All trucks have been undercoated by Ziebart. If purchased new, would cost \$928,131. Price for both 2008 Quantum Pumpers is \$798,131, savings of \$130,000. Price for 2010 XLT 105' Aerial is \$735,809. The package deal for both 2008 Quantum Pumpers and the 2010 XLT 105' Aerial is \$1,533,940. Financing for both 3 and 5 years: 3 years @ 4.67% annual payment \$559,753.63 for a total of \$1,679,260.89, and 5 years @ 4.73% for annual payment of \$351,646.68 for a total of \$1,758,233.40. Trade in/Sale of Ladder 73 to help offset the cost of new equipment. Donate Engine 71 to Road Department. Between Fire and EMS, Trotwood Fire has 6000 calls per year. Mrs. McDonald asked how the budget is impacted. This cost would not impact budget, but come out of the projected levy monies. Vice-Mayor Vaughn asked about the addition of lights and sirens and the height of the equipment. Milliken said there would be some bridge limitation coming in the future. Vice-Mayor also asked about the financing – Acting Finance Director Shively will be sending out

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requests for quotes to the three local banks. Vice-Mayor Vaughn would also like to look at the three years vs. five years plan. Mayor Cameron asked about using the payment as a lump sum payment to assist in the financing. This will also be shopped. Mr. Hankins asked about average life of the vehicles, and regionally. Milliken said the average life is 13-15 years, and the equipment will fit in well regionally as well satisfy fire equipment. A Letter of Intent was signed by the City Manager to hold the trucks until this could come before Council. City Manager Lucking would like to move forward with a resolution. Thanked Council for the go ahead.

DISCUSSION – ACCESS TO CITY OFFICES:

Council Member Mary A. McDonald has requested security access to the Administrative Offices. Currently Council keys open the door to the Lobby and the door to the Council Office. Mrs. McDonald believes she once had a key that opened the Administrative Offices. City Manager Michael J. Lucking cited the separation between Administration and Legislative. Council discussed this issue at length. Mrs. McDonald believes City Manager Lucking is enabling the division of Council in that those members who would like access should have access, and those who do not should not have access. Several members of Council do not believe they need access, but would be willing to consider the matter if Mrs. McDonald would explain how she has been denied access. Mrs. Gales and Vice-Mayor Vaughn also believe access should be given to those who want access and should not be given to those who do not. Everyone should be treated the same. Mayor Cameron would be willing to give up her office and her access if that would make the matter go away. Mayor Cameron believes this matter came up because of her access and has not come up before during any administration. Vice-Mayor Vaughn asked the Clerk what would be her response if he requested meeting with several individuals in the Mayor's Office. Clerk of Council Lois Singleton responded that if the Vice-Mayor were meeting in his Council Office there would be no need to contact Mrs. Singleton. If there were more people and they could not fit into the Council Office, the Clerk would schedule the 2nd Floor Conference Room for Vice-Mayor Vaughn and wait until the meeting was concluded, and lock up the building. If the Vice-Mayor would call Mrs. Singleton about meeting in the Mayor's Office, the Vice-Mayor would need to contact Mayor Cameron about her office availability. Council Members Hankins, Johnson, and Staggs do not see the need for further access if Council is not being denied access. City Manager Lucking restated his position, and asked Clerk of Council Singleton if she were aware of access being given to Council over her years. The Clerk responded that she does not remember that occurring, but if it would have the only time it could have happened was when renovations were being done in the City Building and the Council trays as well as file cabinets were removed from the Council Office and staged outside the Mayor's Office. Mrs. McDonald stated that she must leave as she has another meeting. Mrs. McDonald said in hearing Council's comments, it is clear that her request is being misunderstood. Mrs. McDonald stated she is rescinding her request for access to the Administration Offices outside regular office hours. Mrs. McDonald left at 6:45 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 557 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, OHIO, ENTITLED "GRAFFITI":

Police Chief Quincy Pope reiterated that the City of Trotwood is seeing some instances of graffiti in the community and it is of concern to him. The anti-graffiti legislation was coauthored by Sinclair Community College. Mrs. Gales also stated that she has to leave and has another meeting and left at 7:15 p.m. The graffiti creates a visual blight and adversely affects the enjoyment and value of property, and if not promptly removed, it invites additional graffiti and may encourage criminal activity or lead to nuisance conditions. Mrs. Johnson asked the process to advise the property owner of the graffiti as a nuisance on their property. Chief Pope said the Police Dept. would conduct an investigation; send a letter to the offending individual or company. Mrs. Johnson

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asked about the timeframe to advise the property owner about the issue. What will be done to communicate to the community/property owners about the resources available for the individual or company to employ in removing the offensive graffiti from their property? Mrs. Johnson was not a member of Council when this matter came before Council earlier. Chief Pope thanked Council for their consideration to move forward with the legislation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mr. Hankins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., and seconded by Mrs. Staggs. The Council Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lois M. Singleton
Clerk of Council, MMC

Joyce Sutton Cameron
Mayor