

**TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 15, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Trotwood City Council met in their Special Scheduled Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Trotwood Community Center, 4000 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood, Ohio. Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Bettye L. Gales, Council Member Rap Hankins, Council Member Nicole Johnson, Council Member Mary A. McDonald, Council Member Barbara J. Staggs, Vice-Mayor Ronald Vaughn (Absent-ill), and Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Manager Michael J. Lucking, Finance Director Patricia Shively, Acting Law Director Amy Blankenship, Fire & Rescue Chief Rick Wagner, Planning and Zoning Administrator Carl Daugherty, and Clerk of Council Lois M. Singleton.

VISITORS:

Joanne Koesters, Ruth Lang, Marie Battle (Trotwood Chamber Executive Director), Kelly L. Belt, Ronald Koesters, William Krest, Pete & Bonnie Cummings, Jackie Kiefer, Zinck Segsley, Joy Scoates, Wes Scoates, Oscar & Totsie Holliday, Franklin Wood, Phyllis K. Wood, Frankline E. Wood, James D. Williams, Dave Norvell, John R. Smith (T-M City Schools), Ruby Murh, Bruce Kettelle, Patricia Daugherty, Adrienne B. Pippins, Harold Rimblert, Sr., Janet Foote, Betty Helterbran, Ralph J. Kuester, Cheryl Wheeler ( Executive Director Goodwill Easter Seals Adult Day Services), Harry J. Patton, Helen Sarsgard, Toni Coleman (Dayton Daily News), Lance Deul (Goodwill Easter Seals), Janice Chinn, Beverly Tomlinson, Jay Young (DP&L), Sam Collier, Sr., Tom Grady, Anthony Page, Homer Williams, Camille Ransom, and Marvalene Raglin.

TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AND LOBBYIST BOB DOYLE MEET TO STRATEGIZE ABOUT THE PROPOSED CLOSING OF THE TROTWOOD POST OFFICE:

Lobbyist Bob Doyle reported that we will be working together to keep the Trotwood Post Office Open. Congressman Michael Turner is on the Committee that is Studying the Closure of Post Offices across the country. The City will be contacting Senator Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman to solicit their help, start a petition campaign gathering signatures from residents, and business, and requesting letters of support from Service Organizations, Trotwood Chamber, Veterans organizations, etc. Mrs. McDonald asked what the Study Committee is looking for in its evaluation of the Post Offices on the possible list of closures. Mrs. Gales asked how many are comparable to Trotwood. Mrs. Johnson asked how many are served by the Trotwood Post Office, and how much money is earned by Trotwood Post Office. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said the City is compiling that information now. Mayor Cameron asked what is the radius of the other post offices on the list to the Trotwood Post Office. Mrs. McDonald asked if there is a central plan. Mr. Hankins said Trotwood Post Office owns their own property which is a plus as others do not. We should get signatures, and as this is a regional issue, anyone who uses the post office may sign a petition. Mrs. McDonald wants to use positive strengths, not the minority issue, come from strength. Mr. Doyle said the letter should come from Mayor and Council as you know your community better. There should be a committee selected to organize the process. Mayor Cameron said it should be a three prong approach. Mrs. Gales asked about the timeline. Meetings will be held in September and October and Mr. Doyle will find out the timeline and get that information back. City Manager Michael Lucking said a Resolution will be on the September 6<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda to oppose the closing of the Trotwood Post Office. A Letter will also need to come from Council. Look at the changes made in the letter in your packet and advise if there are changes. We will need help from our citizens. Mrs. Johnson suggested using the social media also for those whom are engaged. We will need to decide

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when to meet again. The Clerk will solicit input from Council. Mr. Doyle will contact the Senators and Congressman. Mayor Cameron asked Council to advise the Clerk if there are other things you think about. Mr. John Smith, Trotwood City Schools is in the audience, and would like to be engaged in the process. They are the largest employer and have 3,000 students available to help. Resident Bruce Kettelle has started a grassroots effort to help in keeping the Trotwood Post Office open. They are on Facebook and campaign is in place.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mrs. Gales moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m., and seconded by Mr. Hankins. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Lois M. Singleton, Clerk of Council

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Joyce Sutton Cameron, Mayor