

**TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Trotwood City Council met in their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:30 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, and Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Manager Michael J. Lucking, Police Chief Quincy Pope, Finance Director Patricia Shively, Law Director Steve McHugh, Fire & Rescue Chief Steve Milliken, Acting Public Works Director/Engineering Technician Thomas Long, Police Captain Erik L. Wilson, Police Captain John Porter, Building Program Administrator Scott Adams, Street Superintendent Dalton Hines, Secretary to City Manager/Deputy Clerk Sandra L. Riege, and Clerk of Council Lois M. Singleton.

VISITORS:

Mr. & Mrs. T. L. Clay, James D. Williams, Homer Williams, Loren & Ginny Gross, Dave Norvell, Ken Oglesby, Michael Buchanan, Sam Collier, Marjorie Townes, Martha Erwin, Jocelyn D. Gibbons, Yolande Ward, Martha Clark, Ellsworth Szkudlarek, Milton J. Pearson, Samuel Sims, Theodore C. Fields, James C. Clark, Wanda Adams, Janet Foote, Dawn E. Wojik, John T. Fecke, Terrie Veal, Shirley A. Turner, Raymond L. Birdsong, Janice Chinn, Tanya Jackson, Bruce Kettelle (Council Member At-Large elect), Sharita McClurkin, Jay Young (DP&L), Clarence H. Brown, Toni Coleman (Dayton Daily News), Tom Grady, Helen Sarsgard, Rose & Gene Nelson, Joe Binkley, Bev Tomlinson, and Nancy Marino.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA:

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hankins moved to approve the December 5, 2011 Agenda, and seconded by Mrs. Gales. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes and the Motion is approved unanimously.

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Michael Buchanan – 204 E. Eppington Drive 45426, Ward 1:
  - Serious concerns about things I have heard about a Council Member or two, and a small group of people trying to outsource safety forces, police and fire department. Police and Fire Departments are the lifeline of our community, and we can ill-afford to lose those departments. Without police and fire departments, crime in the community would skyrocket. Burglaries would be on the increase, which they are, and arson would increase. We see that every day from communities around us. It would be a disaster for someone to consider getting rid of our safety forces. We are living in some unprecedented and desperate times, and people do desperate things. I cannot imagine someone on City Council who should have our community's interest at heart trying to get rid of those safety forces. I hear a lot of things, and do not believe everything I hear, but if there is smoke, there is bound to be fire. I hear about Council Members not speaking to each other because they have a different opinion. If the Council cannot respect each other, what do you expect the citizens to do? People are entitled to their opinion. I also hear that some Council Members want to get rid of the City Manager and the Police Chief, why. We have qualified, capable, knowledgeable, and dedicated

people in those positions. I have spoken to them on numerous occasions. I came out tonight to address this issue. I have been in property management over 30 years and have worked with many police depts. Trotwood's P.D. is second to none. I worked for Squirrel Run and upon retirement, went to work for Park Side Homes. Park Side had a reputation, but Squirrel Run had more issues. I was able to clean it up working with the P.D. Thank you. I appreciate your allowing me to come up and speak to Council.

2. Yolande Ward – 5726 Rowena Drive, Dayton 45415, Ward 2:
  - Status of Trotwood S.A.Y. Soccer. Each year I come and make a report at the end of the season. I am pleased to say we had three teams go back to State championships, the tournament. To qualify to go to State, you must compete well in the Miami Valley Tournaments, Vandalia, and Northmont area. We are very proud of those teams. All of our teams were female, youth 14 years of age, and 10 years of age. I also want to report that every year we struggle to find support. This year was no different. I do want to recognize those Trotwood supporters, Trotwood VFW, Trotwood Fire Department Local 4024, Trotwood P&R Dept., Trotwood Police Dept., and Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron. I come on behalf of our organization to say Thank you.
3. Milton J. Pearson – 6748 Sandy Drive 45426 – Ward 1:
  - I run a Boxing Program in Trotwood and am a Supervisor for the Montgomery County Juvenile Court. Thank you for giving me the three (3) minutes. A Deputy told him about a rumor mill, Montgomery County was taking over Trotwood Policing. He was told later that day, that the information was true. The Trotwood Police Dept. and the community have a good relationship. They stop in on my Boxing Program at least once a week to see how we are doing. To lose the relationship, and outsource Policing to somebody who really has no ties to the Trotwood community, makes no sense. It may make sense financially, but makes no sense for the people here. Whoever came up with the idea, should think about it some more. If you dislike the Trotwood Police Dept. that much, I know there is property for sale in Dayton, Centerville, West Carrollton, or wherever you would want to move to. Don't take away the Police Dept. If you want to see a community fold, take away the Police Dept. and McDonald's, and you are done.
4. Marjorie Townes – 5701 Seven Gables Avenue 45426 – Ward 1:
  - I was out of town, and upon returning got this letter in the mail. I thought it was an advertisement initially. I would like to read it if I may. The letter is dated November 27, 2011 from Martin Shoemaker. The letter as read names "Council Member Mary McDonald as the person advocating outsourcing of our Police Dept." The letter further asks that those receiving the letter come out to voice their opinion during the public comments. I would like to add my comments, and hope the outsourcing of the Police Dept. idea is dead in the water.
5. Wanda Adams – 147 E. Sunrise Avenue 45426 – Ward 1:
  - Received the same letter as discussed earlier. I do not know who Martin Shoemaker is, and unless he is here this evening and identifies himself tonight, I will not know who he is. I believe that the State has gotten the message when they were interested in approving the State Budget on the backs of public employees. I am impressed with the relationship of the City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief and their unions who are willing to work together to provide services to the citizens at great sacrifice of their own personal income and families. Go Rams.

6. James Clark – 5153 Wellfleet 45426 – Ward 1:  
Want to comment on the outsourcing of the Police Dept., it is not a good idea. I want to say Thank you Trotwood P.D. for being visible when I come home. That helps me when I come home. I see you guys everywhere I go. Thank you also for being responsive when I do call.
  
7. Janice Chinn – 5213 Weigold Ct. 45426 – Ward 2:  
I cannot believe the character assassination taking place here tonight. I am glad a lot of people are here that I have not come out for Council Meetings. To accuse and attack this woman the way you are attacking her is asinine and it shows the mentality of our community. Mrs. McDonald has not advocated anything about the Police Dept. or Fire Dept. I will tell you what we did do. It was unfair for the Fire Dept. to pass out literature information for the campaign. We did speak out against that. I believe that this is retaliation for speaking out against that. She did file a Police Report because people shot bullet holes in her campaign signs for intimidation. This is outrageous. You all know that there is no such person as Martin Shoemaker and the address on the letter is the Trotwood Library. If the Police Dept. wanted to do something, we should support this woman and protect her character because she has not done this. All of you coming up here one by one saying she is trying to outsource the Police Dept. and Fire Dept. If you had been at Council Meetings you would know one person could not do that by herself anyway. It really shows the ignorance that City of Trotwood has stooped to, that you would come up here and attack this woman who has not done any of the things that you have brought here tonight. Thank you.
  
8. Sharita McClurkin – 4805 Marburn Avenue 45417 – Ward 4:  
I am not here to personally attack anyone; however, I did receive the letter. I was not sure how true this is, but if there is any truth to it, I live in Townview and many of you know that the area is not as safe as other areas. Last year my home was broken into, and Trotwood P.D. was the first responder to come to my home. I was out of town on a business trip. I want to say the Trotwood P.D. came in a timely manner. I do not think that outsourcing of the Police or Fire Department is a good idea for safety reasons. In fact I would support a recall referendum of any Officials planning to outsource the Police and/or Fire Dept. I supported the General Fund Levy and the Fire Levies.
  
9. Dyan Gibbons – 4566 Channing Lane 45416 – Ward 2:  
I can stand up here proudly and say yes this is my first time attending a Council Meeting. I am neither asinine nor ignorant, and I did receive a letter. No one before me said a name. I believe I have good hearing. Everyone mentioned having received the letter. We are not trying to belittle or bring anyone down, but I am a person who believes in my dutiful rights. Since turning the magical age of 18, I have been a registered voter, and voted in every election. I do believe in being an upstanding citizen and doing my job. My mother Mrs. Shirley Freeman and some of you may know her. She has always been a proud member of her Neighborhood Watch Association, Priority Board, wherever she lived. She has always been involved. She is not involved at this time because of her health and could not come out tonight because of recent surgery. As her daughter, it is my duty to step up and to learn to seek and do

what I should do as a citizen. I respect and admire the Trotwood Police Dept. and Chief, the Fire Dept. and Chief and what they are doing. There is crime everywhere. I can say when we are out of town, and call the Police Dept. to ask that they circulate in the neighborhood, and even if we are home, we see the Trotwood Police Dept. on their job. We see the Fire Dept. on their job. I think it would be a terrible thing to lose our Police and Fire Depts., even some of it. As our Mayor and Council, you should put your heads together and try to work in unison and do what you were elected to do for the people of the City of Trotwood. As long as you respect me, I can respect you. I am going to work with anybody because I do believe in working and helping, so whatever is needed, I am willing to work and do what is needed to keep our community strong and safe.

10. Joe Binkley – P.O. Box 211, Lewisburg 45338:

I live in Clayton. I have a property at 4144 Annapolis here in Trotwood. My concern is vacant housing. I originally came here about communications. I have tried to get in contact with you people for a week and a half now. I have dialed 854-7217, 837-7771 and please leave a message. Your message hasn't been recording multiple times from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I did not know you closed at 12:00 noon on Fridays. Did anyone else know. How long have you been meeting here. This is not the address on the website. That is where I was. I would like to know how to contact you folks. City Manager Lucking told him to telephone him at his personal number. That number did not answer either. E-mail City Manager Lucking at [mlucking@trotwood.org](mailto:mlucking@trotwood.org) . can be reached there at any time. What about after hours. Don't outsource your Police Dept. They work hard.

11. Theodore C. Fields – 5770 Courtney Lane, Clayton 45315, Ward 1:

I am not here to attack anyone. I too received a letter. I have come to the City Council Meetings for years and have been thought of as an activist and troublemaker. I stopped coming. The Police and Fire Depts. Should be preserved. My concern is what is the reason for the problem. We need to know what is the problem that this has come about at this time? I am not here to cast any blame, but as a citizen, voter and a taxpayer, I have the right to get up and talk. No one can take that away from me, even if I have been a part of any group. I have that right. In the past people have tried to get me to run for Council. I do not want to do that at my age. I do understand and have worked a long time in the Court System. In these times people need to put their heads together and work together. The community should stand for something other than drugs, fights and killings. We should not outsource the Police and Fire Dept. and outsourcing to the County would be disastrous. If anyone takes exception to what I have said, I am sorry, but that is how I feel about it.

Mrs. McDonald stated that she would like to answer some of the questions that have come up tonight because of my stance. I was made aware of the effort to portray me as lacking in support of the Police Department very recently. Nothing could be further from the truth. I do know that this effort is because of my choice to go through the Montgomery County Sheriff Department after I registered several complaints with the Trotwood Police Department during the campaign season, after having met with no results. I went because of missing signs from homes and businesses and prominent individuals who supported me during the campaign, Dr. Major Lee, Thomas Funeral Home, St Margaret's Church. I am not talking about small signs, but 3' x 4' signs. The posts and everything was taken away. I don't know how many other candidates registered complaints, but I was told by the Police Department that others

had said their signs were missing as well. Add to that some members of the Trotwood Fire Dept. actively campaigned by giving out materials for Mayor Cameron, Barbara Staggs and Bruce Kettelle. They distributed these materials along with their S.B. 5 materials. When I was told that they didn't know that they were distributing those materials and that the materials had been given to them by Ms. Wanda Adams, President of the Trotwood Democratic Club. These individuals who I don't believe live in the Trotwood community, and most of the firefighters do not live in the community, and who come back to this community to hand out literature for S.B.5 caused me to wonder why they wouldn't be passing out the literature in their community. This came at a time when I discovered that one of my 3' x 4' campaign signs had four bullet holes in it and was torn down and destroyed. I discovered this sign along the side of my home. At this point I could no longer accept any excuses but full disclosure would do. You see where my family comes from in the south, missing signs, bullet holes in signs, is sending a message, and you know what that message is. It is fear and intimidation, that's what we endured during my campaign, and that is why I went to the Police Chief to ask for protection for myself and our campaign. With much concern for my personal safety and my family's safety, and the neighbors, I chose to see Montgomery County Sheriff Plummer whom I greatly respect for direction. He said he would look into the matter further for me. At the conclusion of our conversation, he turned to the proposal requested by City Council over two years ago. This was at a time when our City Manager proposed to us during a police union arbitration, and they were at an impasse, and what a difficult time they were having working with the Police Dept. and getting them to come around to settle some of the issues we have. This Council asked the City Manager if he would get the information and any cost savings. This was over two years ago. For me to sit here tonight and hear all of this, I can only know that this is about character assassination. This is about preying on you all. Please do not prey on the minds of citizens. The address is the Trotwood Library. If there was credibility to this, the person would be here. This person could speak to me at any time. We have not begun the budget process. This did not come up during the budget process last year. This came up during the 2010 budget. I explained to the Sheriff when asked what happened to the proposal. I explained to him that we were told by Representatives of the City that there were no significant savings with outsourcing of the Police Dept. in the City. The whole issue went away. It has never been brought up again, not to me. I never discussed it with anyone after that meeting. There was no talk of it whatsoever. When I mentioned that to him, he said no significant savings, and I said yes. We were told there were no significant savings. He told me that the savings would have been 1.5 million dollars to the citizens of Trotwood, and we would not have missed any Officers off our streets, not one. The Police Officers in Trotwood would change uniforms, put on the Sheriff's uniform. They would possibly rent the space they are in right now. If this is not true, this is what he said to me. The differences would be the change of uniforms and the administration. I don't mean any disrespect of you Chief and any of the Sergeants. The differences would be the same officers you have. The administration would change, and that would possibly be our Chief, Staff, and the Sergeants. That's the area that would change. We currently now dispatch through Montgomery County for our normal calls. When you call the City of Trotwood Police Dept. you will not get anyone. You will get telephone to the Montgomery Dispatch Department for which we pay \$200,000.00 a year + 10.00 per call. Is that correct Chief. Police Chief Quincy Pope said it is \$285,000.00. Mrs. McDonald said we are already outsourcing. Along with that you would not lose your service. I might get agitated for or against, but as your elected official, it is our job as your elected official to ask pertinent questions that would be helpful to you as a City. That is all that my job is, and I would be derelict in my duty if I did not look at any and all possibilities for any concerns that you may have. That is my job and that is what I have been endeavoring to do up here. I want you to know that one Council Member especially not me, will never be able to cause you to lose your Police Department if this community and Council did not want that to happen. I want you all to know that this is my responsibility to ask questions, to request information as needed to represent your interests, not my own. There is no reward in doing this, other than your truthfulness to citizens, and that is all that I have

endeavored to do up here for six years. I have no intent to other than serve the people in honesty and truth, no other agenda. Should any of you require further information that supports what I have said to you, you may request it from the proposal for the City of Trotwood from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept. You may make that request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI). I have a response regarding the Fire Department as it involves the election along with the Police Report from Staff and the approval of the Mobile Homes. If this is more fallout from the election, the election is over. Individuals have moved on. Efforts to malign my character will not be tolerated by me. As long as I am up here I will continue to speak out on what I believe to be the truth. I won't be silenced while representing the Trotwood community as long as I am in office. You clearly do not understand all of your options as it relates to this issue. The final say is yours. I can't cause the Police and Fire to go anywhere. It doesn't get you visibility when people set up hidden obstacles for you to overcome. Don't malign me or any other citizen who tries to get information for you. As long as I am here that is what I am going to do. We have a model Police and Fire Dept. It is not fair to give information to only one side. Everyone has choice. I am trying to stand against that. I have come to that asking questions, having an opinion, and demanding the very best for this community; have cost me personally and professionally. You won't be liked. They won't work with you, but that is the cost of being an elected official. Each of us can ask for and insist upon getting needed public information.

Mrs. Johnson said I will speak as a member of Council, having not being able to attend the last Council Meeting because of a serious illness with her father which took priority. I will ask this question, and I am not trying to be dogmatic or cause you a lot of work. The piece I am missing in this is that there is very much finger pointing one side of Council vs. another side of Council about outsourcing of the Police Dept. At this point in time I feel the finger is being pointed at right or wrong at me. I would like to know how your conversation with the Sheriff's Dept. specifically becomes public. How did the content of that conversation become public so that letters were mailed and individuals were aware of your conversation regarding outsourcing? Mrs., McDonald said she had no idea. I am just curious because I don't know that you had an obligation. I have not had a conversation with the Sheriff's Dept. I don't know who else on Council has had a conversation with the Sheriff's Dept. Based on your acknowledgement of your conversation with the Sheriff's Dept. there is now consequently this outpouring of support for or against outsourcing of our Police Dept. I am insulted. Mrs. McDonald said I will help you.

Mayor Cameron gaveled for order. Mayor Cameron said we are not going to discuss this at this meeting. We have heard the comments of the citizens, and this is not the time. We are here to take care of the business of the City. If we want to get together after this, then we can. We have allowed you to defend yourself with comments, and we are not going to open up the dais for a discussion.

Mayor I have one question. The City Manager can tell you as well as the citizens that this has not been a discussion since 2010. I have in my own possession right now, the proposal from the Sheriff's Dept. for 2010. I have not been in a discussion regarding that issue since that time. I don't know if someone else has had a discussion, but that is not a discussion that I have had. I would ask that the City Manager clarify. Mayor Cameron asked the City Manager if he could answer that.

City Manager Michael J. Lucking said yes, there has been no conversation with the Sheriff since, and I don't know the timeframe, 2009/2010. That is certainly not something that the administration has been involved with. I do want to set the record straight in terms of the proposal if I can. That information was given to Council and further added at that time, while we were having the discussion, there was a Resolution required of the Council to direct the Sheriff to really get into a full blown cost study of our

Police Dept. What was done was very cursory or surface level appeal to contemplate taking over the operations of the Trotwood Police Dept. If done in depth, it would have required many things, where they would be housed, personnel, vehicles, safety costs in terms of data, etc. It is a very complex subject which would require a lot of in depth investigation by the Sheriff. To do that it would have required a Resolution by this Council to recommend the City Manager to explore outsourcing of the Trotwood Police Department with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept.

Vice-Mayor Vaughn said he couldn't tell you how he would feel if he had returned home to find a letter talking about outsourcing of the Police Dept. Mr. Patton of Harrison Township works with the Trotwood Police Dept. Chief and Staff, and several Police Departments as well as with the Montgomery County Sheriff Dept. If you would ask the Sheriff a question about anything and a comment is made about a savings of 1.5 million, that might well be something that he would have shared with Staff. The information would have been shared with all departments that Mr. Patton visits. That is a very logical explanation of how this became public. I applaud your coming here wanting to express your opinion in turn. You did hear the City Manager report on what would be necessary to have an in depth study by the Montgomery County Sheriff Dept. on outsourcing of the Police Dept.

Mrs. Johnson said I agree with you wholeheartedly, but I can tell you that I feel completely as a Council Member and a part of this community, I feel bamboozled that there was even a discussion regarding outsourcing that I have not been a part of. So if another conversation is held with the elected Sheriff of Montgomery County, any other community organization, any other individual, I take that very personally as an elected official of Trotwood that has not been made aware of that fact. The fact that the first inkling of any discontent or any concerns about outsourcing I will go on record that I firmly want to state that I have complete confidence in our current Police Dept. If there has been any deception regarding outsourcing, I speak against it. I am an elected official. The fact that this is coming before our City Council from our citizens via a letter no matter whether or not we consider that letter fact or not, that is an issue that our citizens feel strongly about. I will not say that it is asinine, that they are ignorant or anything. This is a valid concern. So I am going to take that personally as being an elected representative of that community so however we as Council, or we as whoever is making the comment is talking out of the left side of their mouth vs. the right side of their mouth, we need to address it. I did not get a letter. For whatever reason, don't go on, I am not going to sit here and entertain you know hearsay, or I think or this is whatever because that is not valid. I don't have an issue with the fact that this is just coming forward at this time, and evidently there are a number of people who are concerned with this topic and are coming forward to speak. Therefore this is important.

Mayor Cameron gaveled to say that it is now time to return to the agenda.

Mrs. Gales said she is concerned also, that we have had something before this Council before where there was unsigned, everything, and we did not deal with it. Why are we dealing with this today?

Mayor Cameron said comments have been made under Citizen Comments. They are allowed to come and speak. Mrs. Gales said she understands that. Mayor Cameron said at this time we are going to move the meeting forward.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda is reserved for routine items requiring a vote of Council. Rather than vote individually on these items, they have been placed on the consent agenda allowing the Council to approve all of the items through one motion. The items on the consent agenda are as follows:

1. Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Scheduled Meeting – Monday, November 21, 2011.

2. Council Meeting Minutes – Council Workshop Meeting – Monday, October 17, 2011. .
3. RESOLUTION 11-82: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WOLF CREEK PIKE IMPROVEMENTS, PID NO. 8823, TO LJB, INC., INC., 3100 RESEARCH BLVD., DAYTON, OHIO 45420; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LJB, INC., FOR EH ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WOLF CREEK PIKE IMPROVEMENTS, PID NO. 8823, NOT TO EXCEED \$213,678.00, WHICH WILL BE PHASED OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD.
4. MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARIN ON REAPPROPRIATIONS FOR BUDGET YEAR FY2011.
5. MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR BUDGET YEAR FY2012.

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, and seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll Call resulted in 7 yes votes, and the Motion is approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to adjourn into the public hearing portion of the agenda. Mrs. Staggs moved to adjourn into the public hearing portion of the agenda, and seconded by Mr. Hankins at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Cameron asked if there is anyone present who would like to speak for or against the public hearing topic. There were none.

ORDINANCE 10-11: AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE RED FLEX FUND 217 FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:

The Clerk of Council read the caption. City Manager Michael Lucking said the intent of the ordinance is to create a specific line item fund for Red Flex funds for personnel, operations and equipment of the Trotwood Police Department. Vice-Mayor Vaughn is concerned and has 28 years in law enforcement that this is somehow self-serving. The funds come back to the Police Dept. There is an appeal process. Vice-Mayor Vaughn asked has this been vetted. City Manager Michael Lucking said the City is losing many other revenue sources. The largest operation in the City is the Police Department. We must keep it properly staffed. Captain Porter said there is an appeal process. An individual has 21 days (26 days overall) to respond by paying or not paying or nominating someone else to pay the ticket. The Magistrate is an independent person nominated by the Law Director. 60% of the individuals are found liable. Some appellants do not show up. Mr. Hankins said some people choose to break the law. Safety is an issue for the community. Mrs. Johnson said when other individuals see the mobile vehicle; they are texting, tweeting, and Facebook to keep others from getting a ticket. Chief Quincy Pope said the revenues generated come back into the community. The Police Department has purchased two new police vans.

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to approve Ordinance 10-11 as an Emergency. Mr. Hankins moved to approve Ordinance 10-11, and seconded by Mrs. Johnson. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes and the Motion to approve Ordinance 10-11 as an emergency was approved unanimously.

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular agenda. Mrs. Gales moved to close the public hearing at 8:25 p.m., and seconded by Mrs. Staggs. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and the Motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 11-83: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, OHIO, OPPOSING THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX BY THE STATE OF OHIO: The Clerk of Council read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said the State of Ohio is attempting to centralize municipal income tax collection in Ohio, under the umbrella of state government. The City of Trotwood Administration strongly opposes this concept for the following reasons: 1) Lack of control of our single largest revenue source 2) Lack of accountability by the State of Ohio for disbursement of City of Trotwood revenues 3) Lack of front line accountability to City of Trotwood municipal tax payers for service related issues and 4) Infringement by the State of Ohio on our charter home rule autonomy. Please also read the letter from Auditor of State Dave Yost. Mr. Hankins said we should join in the opposition. Mrs. Johnson said only the State of Maryland collects to date. Mayor Cameron requested a motion to approve Resolution 11-83. Vice-Mayor Vaughn moved to approve Resolution 11-83, and seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and Resolution 11-83 is approved unanimously.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor:

- 1). Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron Office Hours – Please call Clerk of Council Lois M. Singleton at 854-7212 or e-mail [lsingleton@trotwood.org](mailto:lsingleton@trotwood.org) to make an Appointment with the Mayor at any time.
- 2). Mayor Cameron thanked all who attended the Mayor and Council Tree Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011. The event was well attended.
- 3). Mayor Cameron said Congratulations to the Trotwood RAMS for winning the Division II State Football Championship in Massillon. Also congratulations to Junior Running Back Green on his 6 touchdowns. It was a great game.

CITY MANAGER:

- 1). Trotwood Website: The website is continually being updated.
- 2). Traffic Data for Salem & Shiloh Springs Road – accidents increased. New LED lighting is being installed in the intersection at the Left turn at Shiloh Springs
- 3). The Budget Date is Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
- 4). The Trotwood Post Office to remain open. Thank you Mr. Kettelle for your Leadership. Mayor and Council and all who helped in the community, Thank you for your support with this effort. Go RAMS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

- 1). Council Member Nicole Johnson – I cannot attend the budget workshop, but will make sure I get any questions I may have to Mr. Lucking prior to the meeting. I will be out of town on business. GO RAMS!
- 2). Council Member Rap Hankins – Good things are happening in Trotwood. Congratulations we are keeping our Post Office open. GO TROTWOOD RAMS! Great game. We are extremely proud of you.

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The Election Process: Be good citizens. Some signs are still up. Please have Trotwood Pride. When there is no trust among us, we have tonight.

- 3). Council Member Bettye L. Gales – We are in compliance paying the 15% for Insurance for public employees. It is disheartening what happened tonight. Questions need to be asked. Come together on important issues. GO RAMS!
4. Council Member Mary A. McDonald – Thank you Mrs. Gales for the time we have served together. All information is received when requested from Staff.
6. Vice-Mayor Ronald Vaughn – Thanks to the citizens for bringing the information. Thank you Staff and City Manager for your help. You are not being attacked.

STAFF:

BUILDING PROGRAM MANAGER SCOTT ADAMS – TIRE DUMPING TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES:

The Montgomery County Public Health Department, City of Dayton, City of Trotwood, Jefferson Township, and Ohio E.P.A. – have formed a task force to curtail illegal dumping of tires in our communities. 1300 tires have been picked up recently in Trotwood. Mrs. Johnson asked how many tires can be disposed per year. 10 tires can be disposed of in a year. We are looking at several options. The fees are \$1.50 per tire. There will be a moratorium on dumping tires – fees. We are looking at grant money. We will talk to the tire generators. We are ready to write citations.

RECREATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST TERRY LODGE – HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:

Mayor and Council Tree Lighting – Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011. The event was well attended. We received \$37.00 for the ROTC Toys for Tots Program and 50 lbs. of food items for Food Pantries. There was singing and a child was chosen to help push the switch to light the tree. The child was delighted.

2011 Spirit of Christmas Award:

Winners will be announced at the Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. The awards will be presented to the winners in the Tuesday, January 3, 2012 Council Meeting. Mrs. Johnson asked will there be pictures taken. Please show them on Facebook and Twitter and in the Council Meeting on January 3, 2012.

Mayor Cameron said she wished everyone a safe and Happy Christmas.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mrs. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., and seconded by Mrs. Gales. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Lois M. Singleton, Clerk of Council

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Joyce Sutton Cameron, Mayor