

**TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Trotwood City Council met in their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. for a Reception to honor Council Member Bettye L. Gales for her dedication and service to the City of Trotwood, 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, Acting Police Chief/Captain Erik Wilson, Captain John Porter, Finance Director Patricia Shively, Law Director Steve McHugh, Fire & Rescue Chief Steve Milliken, Planning and Zoning Administrator Carl Daugherty, Human Resources Manager Barbara Brooks, Recreation Program Specialist Terry Lodge, Acting Public Works Director/Engineering Technician Thomas Long, Building Program Administrator Scott Adams, Administrative Assistant to City Manager/Deputy Clerk Sandra L. Riege, and Clerk of Council Lois M. Singleton.

VISITORS:

Marie Battle (Trotwood Chamber Executive Director), Homer Williams (VFW Post 4270), Dave Norvell, James D. Williams, Tyrone Derrick, Tayara Carter, Loren & Ginny Gross, Tom Grady, Anthony Page, Keith Engelhardt, Dawn Wojak, Wanda Adams, Jesse Smith, Cozy Smith, Janice Chinn, Kenny Goodpasture, John T. Fecke, Floyd Edwards, Jay Young (DP&L), Mr. & Mrs. T. L. Clay, Alesia Rome, Oscar Holliday, Sam Collier, Dnitra B. Jones, Toni Coleman (Dayton Daily News), Pamela Brown, Jamie Fant, Nona Chanessa Fant, and Gene & Rose Nelson.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA:

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the December 19, 2011 Agenda, and seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes and the Motion is approved unanimously.

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Dave Norvell – 629 Bradfield Drive 45426, Ward 1:
 - Happy Holidays to Council, City Manager and Staff. I am here on behalf of VFW Post 4270. The Trotwood Police Department donated 17 bicycles to the VFW, and six (6) will be given to children of needy families on Wednesday. Thank you to the Trotwood Police Department. Vice-Mayor Vaughn reminded the audience that the VFW Post 4270 has dinners on Wednesdays and Fridays, and breakfasts on Saturdays.

2. Keith Engelhardt – 202 W. Sherry Drive 45426, Ward 1:
 - Casual observer of City Government, the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Manager, there appears to be tensions and polarity between City leadership and members of City Council where in some cases the majority rules, and in others the abuse is shocking of this Council. Meanwhile the real needs of the citizens are not addressed, and real systemic problems are not resolved with permanent solutions. In my neighborhood, the water and sewer infrastructure needs repair. Until recently, I had

a problem which had gone unaddressed. While I appreciate having my problem addressed, it is systemic failure for the problem to go unaddressed for as long as it has. The role of public works should be minimized, so that streets can be maintained and an update to our infrastructure. Trotwood like any other community has its challenges. This can't be done without a long-term plan in place. Real leadership finds compromise and partners. Real leadership is open and honest dialogue. I challenge the Trotwood City Council to step up to the role of leadership. Work together for the community concerns and work together effectively.

3. Wanda Adams – 147 E. Sunrise Avenue 45426 – Ward 1:

- Season's Greetings. I am not affiliated with SAY Soccer; I don't have children in SAY Soccer and have not attended a SAY Soccer game. I have a neighbor who has been noticing the things happening on Main Street, and she recruited me to help with the Fundraiser they are having on Saturday evening, January 7, 2012 from 6-10:00 p.m. If you haven't had a chance to purchase a ticket, I can't remember is Yolanda Ward mentioned this when she spoke at the last meeting. Even though I am not a Soccer mom or Soccer person, I get very excited when we do things in Trotwood to engage the neighbors when they are positive to help the kids in our neighborhoods. If you would like to attend a fitness and wellness event, some Line Dancing, some Zumba, etc., I would be happy to sell you a ticket. The tickets are \$7.00, buy enough for your whole family.
- If you are a fan of the President, I have a petition and see me to get signed up.
- Thank you. Happy Holidays and Mrs. Gales thank you for your service to Trotwood.

4. Alesia Rome – 4982 Magellan Avenue 45426 – Ward 2:

- I have come briefly to ask the status of the Wolf Creek Run Subdivision project. I am representing the Home Owners Association. I attended the Planning Commission Meeting when it was presented there, and I am inquiring about the new developer, some of the concerns that were brought forth, and the project status. Has this been voted on? City Manager Michael J. Lucking asked Ms. Rome to leave her contact information with Planning and Zoning Administrator Carl Daugherty and he will get with you to talk about the status.

5. Janice Chinn – 5213 Weigold Ct. 45426 – Ward 2:

- Thank the Fire Department for coming out and doing a magnificent job at the Progressive Citizens Monthly Meeting on Fire Extinguishers. I think it is something that all of our citizens should sit through and experience.
- Progressive Citizens would ask you Mayor Cameron if a Town Hall Meeting can be held in the next 90 days. We would like to dialogue with City Council, City Manager. You have advised that this meeting is not a meeting where citizens may get responses to their concerns, so we would like to have that forum in order to get a response.
- Captain Wilson, Trotwood Police Department – There is complaints about Hermosa and Thorain Ct.; there is drug activity back there. They would like the camera vehicle up there because the activity subsided when that was done.
- I would request getting videotaped Council Meetings starting in January. In the last meeting it was obvious some of our citizens do not know how City Council works, and this would help in documentation and advising those who cannot come what is happening.
- Letter from Progressive Citizens of Trotwood, to be presented to the Law

Director and City Council, Subject: Attempt to obtain information under the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 and 1996 from the Trotwood Administration. Mayor Cameron asked to discuss this. Mrs. Chinn believes she has been trying to get information on the Salem Mall Project for the last 4 years. Mayor Cameron asked if Mrs. Chinn would meet with us on this request. Mrs. Chinn doesn't mind meeting, but I really want the information. I have asked Mr. Hankins and we still have not gotten it.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Plaque to be presented to Council Member At-Large Bettye L. Gales for her Four (4) Years of Dedicated Elected Public Service to the City of Trotwood January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2011 by Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron: Mayor Cameron presented the plaque to Council Member Gales, and told her that it has been a pleasure working with her on the Trotwood City Council.

Mrs. Gales feels that she has given great service to her community, and thanked the citizens who elected her and the Trotwood City Council and Staff for their support. It has been a wonderful learning experience, one that I would not trade for the world. She is glad that it is over.

Representative Roland Winburn - 40th House District presented Council Member Bettye L. Gales a Proclamation from the 40th Ohio House District in recognition of her service to the City of Trotwood during the period January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2011. Representative Winburn said William Arthur Ward said "Blessed is the person who sees the need, recognizes the responsibility, and actively becomes the answer." It is not always how well one serves, it is how well one re-serves during that time that one serves. Mrs. Gales has given of her time and talent alongside her fellow Council Members to preserve her community's prosperity. You understood the needs of those being affected by your position. Eleanor Roosevelt said "What is the best thing one can expect in life." She said the privilege of being useful. You have shown that you have not desired anything for yourself that you have not desired for the citizens of Trotwood.

This is overwhelming. Mrs. Gales said she has no regrets during her four years of service. She will not go away. I will continue to serve my community.

CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE TO BE GIVEN TO RECENTLY HIRED (OCTOBER 19, 2011) PATROL OFFICER ERIC WHITE BY MAYOR JOYCE SUTTON CAMERON: ACTING POLICE CHIEF/CAPTAIN ERIK WILSON: Acting Police Chief/Captain Erik Wilson introduced recently hired Patrol Officer Eric White to the Council and the audience.

Patrol Officer White is 26 yrs. Old, and a lifelong resident of Centerville. Mom Susan is a registered nurse at Miami Valley Hospital. Dad Gary recently retired from his position as Sergeant of Homicide for the Dayton Police Department after 36 years of service. One brother Joshua is a clinical psychologist at the Cleveland VA Medical Center. Eric graduated from Centerville High School in 2004. Earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Wright State University in 2010. Eric began the Police Academy at Sinclair Community College the day after his graduation. Eric graduated 4th in academics and top of his class in firearms. Eric married wife Katie while completing school. Katie works for Aerotek as a recruiting manager. They have two boys; Logan and Lucas. Eric's Mom and Dad, wife Katie and sons Logan and Lucas accompanied him this evening. Mayor Cameron gave Eric the Oath of Office, and he is welcomed by Mayor and Council, City Manager Lucking, Directors and Staff, and the audience. His dad pinned him. Congratulations to Eric White and his family from the Trotwood Police Department who are in attendance.

COMMENDATION TO BE GIVEN TO PATROL OFFICER TYRONE DERRICK – EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO COMMUNITY YOUTH – ACTING POLICE CHIEF/CAPTAIN ERIK WILSON: Officer Derrick embodies service to the community. We are very proud to have Officer Derrick on our team at the Trotwood Police Department. Officer Derrick was hired in March 2007. Prior to his service with Trotwood, Officer Derrick has been involved with the youth of Trotwood, Dayton and surrounding areas, a Basketball Coach and Mentor for the last ten (10) years. We are here to commend Officer Derrick on what he did on October 22, 2011. Officer Derrick and Tyree Fields and Virgil Carter held the First Annual Stars Youth Enrichment Program at T-M High School. The event kicked off with 100 local kids and the vicinity. The program utilizes sports mainly Basketball and getting the youth registered with College Prep Courses. Officer Derrick's way to get to the youth is Basketball and getting them ready for College. Officer Derrick worked with Girls Basketball this summer and we are happy to support him. I am happy to present this Commendation to Officer Derrick for a fine and upstanding job working with our youth.

Officer Derrick said Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone. Officer Derrick thanked Chief Quincy Pope, Brenda Blausler who has helped him administratively in getting things done through the Basketball Program. I would like to thank Council Member Rap Hankins and Mayor Joyce Cameron for their help with the youth programs. I am working with Girls Basketball Program and the Dayton Seahawks Organization this summer. The Trotwood Police Department is sponsoring one of the girls gear with a donation of \$250.00. This gets their accoutrements, uniforms, and gym shoes. I would like to ask Council to sponsor another Trotwood Student on the AU team, two to three per grade in 2012. The students will tell Council what they are doing academically. I have a pamphlet for Council. I will get back with you. Thank you.

Representative Roland Winburn, 40th House District – presented to Council Member Rap Hankins from the General Assembly State of Ohio House of Representatives a Proclamation for being named the first National League of Cities Board Member of the Year 2011, and being placed on the Wall of Fame. Congratulations. Representative Winburn said Council Member Hankins and he grew up in the same neighborhood, and is his friend. You are truly deserving of this honor. You have been drawing attention to our critical issues, and are a strong advocate for Trotwood. Good work my friend.

Council Member Hankins will make his remarks at a later time.

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, December 5, 2011.
2. RESOLUTION 11-88: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL TO CONTINUE THE IMPOSITION OF A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS ON THE GRANTING OF ANY PERMITS ALLOWING THE OPERATION OF SWEEPSTAKES/INTERNET CAFES WITHIN THE CITY OF TROTWOOD.

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Gales moved to approve the Consent Agenda, and seconded by Mrs. Staggs. 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 8:00 p.m.

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

ORDINANCE 11-11: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 15-10 (THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, OHIO FOR 2011 AS ADOPTED DECEMBER 20, 2010) AND AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF VARIOUS EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, STATE OF OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011: The Clerk of Council read the caption. City Manager Michael Lucking called forward Finance Director Patricia Shively who has an Attachment "A" which lists those appropriations to be amended for FY2011. The total reappropriation is \$24,762,476.00. Finance Director Shively highlighted some of the items which are attached to this ordinance; General Fund \$599,320.00; Drug Law Fund, \$2,630.00; Grants Fund \$327,790.00; Law Enforcement Trust \$26,780.00; Fire Fund \$21,300.00; Industrial Park \$33,205.00; Water \$103,026.00; Sewer \$31,200.00; Trash \$46,140.00; and Storm Water \$200,200.00. The net change for those items \$1,391,391.00. Mrs. McDonald asked about the property tax being charged on properties the City acquires. The State is behind in getting exemption status to some properties, so the City must pay the taxes at this time. The money may be returned at some point when the exemption is received. Mrs. McDonald would like a list of the properties where the taxes are being paid.

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

ORDINANCE 12-11: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, FOR FIRST QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012: The Clerk of Council read the caption. City Manager Michael Lucking said this legislation would allow the City of Trotwood to continue its operations into 2012 until the FY 2012 Budget is completed. Attached also is the Finance Director's Certification of Insufficient Funds for 2012 due to stagnant revenues, and current levels of staffing and operations in all City Departments cannot be maintained.

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to approve Ordinance 12-11. Mr. Hankins moved to approve Ordinance 12-11, and seconded by Mrs. Staggs. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes and the Motion to approve Ordinance 12-11 was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 13-11: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE TROTWOOD CODES OF ORDINANCES: The Clerk of Council read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said this legislation approves the replacement pages and codification of various ordinances previously adopted by Trotwood City Council.

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to approve Ordinance 13-11. Mrs. Johnson moved to approve Ordinance 13-11, and seconded by Mrs. Gales. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes and the Motion to approve Ordinance 13-11 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 8:20 p.m., and seconded by Mrs. Johnson. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and the Motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 11-84: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE RATIONALE FOR AND AUTHORIZING FURLOUGHS FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 957 REPRESENTING CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES:

The Clerk of Council read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said the legislation authorizing the use of furlough and other cost saving measures for the City of Trotwood's Collective Bargaining Units and Non-Union Employees. City of Trotwood Administration has successfully negotiated with all Collective Bargaining Units, a 10% wage reduction through the use of furlough, voluntary wage reduction and benefit give-back. The net effect is an overall reduction of 10% of the total personnel costs for the organization. City Manager Lucking said he would like to recognize the outstanding cooperative spirit that all of the City's Collective Bargaining Units have demonstrated in assisting the City to meet its budget goals during the challenging economic times that we have experienced over the past three years. Mrs. Johnson asked what the total revenue in personnel shaved from the FY2012 Budget. The total is \$880,000.00.

Mayor Cameron requested a motion to approve Resolution 11-84. Vice-Mayor Vaughn moved to approve Resolution 11-84, and seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and Resolution 11-84 is approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 11-85: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE RATIONALE FOR AND AUTHORIZING WAGE REDUCTIONS FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE TROTWOOD PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS (IAFF LOCAL 4024):

The Clerk of Council read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said this legislation authorizes wage reductions for each member of the Collective Bargaining Unit.

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to approve Ordinance 11-85. Mrs. Staggs moved to approve Ordinance 11-85, and seconded by Mrs. Gales. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes and the Resolution 11-85 was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 11-86: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE RATIONALE FOR AND AUTHORIZING NON-UNION, EXEMPT AND NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEE WAGE REDUCTIONS AND NON-UNION, EXEMPT AND NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEE FURLOUGHS:

The Clerk of Council read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said this legislation accomplishes the same for employee wage reductions and furloughs for all non-union, exempt and non-exempt employees.

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to approve Ordinance 11-86. Mrs. Gales moved to approve Ordinance 11-86, and seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes and Resolution 11-86 was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 11-87: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE RATIONALE FOR AND AUTHORIZING POLICE EMPLOYEE WAGE REDUCTIONS OR FURLOUGHS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION: Clerk of Council Singleton read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said members of the Labor/Management Committee have met in accordance with Article 28 of the Collective Bargaining Agreements and have determined that the Police Department's cost of operation should be reduced temporarily requiring that each police employee choose between three options as detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to approve Ordinance 11-87. Vice-Mayor Vaughn moved to approve Ordinance 11-87, and seconded by Mrs. Gales. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes and the Resolution 11-87 was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADD THE VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER DEPENDENT FUND TO THE AGENDA:

Mrs. Staggs moved to add the VFFDF to the agenda, and seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and the Motion was approved unanimously. A Meeting will be held immediately following the meeting for the annual business.

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 to make an Appointment with the Mayor at any time.

CITY MANAGER:

- 1). Trotwood Website: The website is continually being updated.
- 2). Planned Recognition of the Trotwood-Madison Rams Football Team – Division II State Championship win on Friday, December 2, 2011. City Manager Lucking and Fire & EMS Chief Steve Milliken have been asked to serve on the committee for the Celebration of the Team Championship on February 17, 2012. The Basketball Team will be playing Sidney that evening. The schools are working to purchase a ring for each team player.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

- 1). Council Member Mary McDonald – has several items to talk about, that she finds extremely difficult, but I am going to get through this.
 - December 9, 2011 – City Manager Lucking e-mailed that he had received a letter from OPBA, Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. Mrs. McDonald read the letter in its entirety.
 - Friday, December 17, 2011 – I received a certified letter from the Law Office of Brandon Charles McClain who would represent Police Chief Quincy Pope. Mrs. McDonald read the letter in its entirety.
 - As I see it, this is a distortion of facts regarding the outsourcing of the Trotwood Police Department to the Montgomery County Sheriff Department. It has continued throughout the community. Now it seems to continue with uninvestigated allegations levied against me from the Trotwood Police Union and the threat of a law suit from Chief Pope. Regarding the letter from the OPBA on last Tuesday, the 13th of December, I called Mr. Hegedus, who I

believe is the Trotwood Union Attorney. I shared with him the facts that Trotwood is not currently in negotiation with the Montgomery County Sheriff Department. I made him aware that this was a 2009 request for information proposal requested by the City of Trotwood City Council and that action was recommended by Citizens Budget Review Committee during a difficult arbitration season. I also shared with him my campaign challenges of theft, bullet holes, and several City employees working for my opponent. After hearing the facts, he stated that although the letter from the OPBA was written on their letterhead, it was not written by him or his office. However he was aware of its existence, but he thought all of the facts in the letter were true, and he simply received the letter himself in his office. These were his words to me. Mr. Hegedus asked me would I be willing to sit down with the Trotwood Union to discuss the matter. I told him I gladly would. He offered to be a part of that meeting. He seemed to be very interested in keeping the relationship between Council and the Officers intact just as I am. The union and I are currently working toward this meeting. The question I would have for the City Manager is were you aware that Chief Pope was choosing to file a lawsuit against me or threaten to file a lawsuit against me. City Manager Lucking said he became aware of that on yesterday and had a discussion with the Police Chief. Do you think I was due at least some kind of communication from your office as he is your Staff? At this point, this is a matter between you and Chief Pope as a personal matter. I don't have a personal matter. Anything regarding the Chief and me is from a professional capacity only Mr. Lucking. Again, I believe you will have to discuss that with Chief Pope. I am really not at liberty to discuss this. It is a personnel issue at this point. I have spoken with the Law Director; this is a very unusual matter. Maybe we need to talk; we should talk with the union and Council as a legal matter. I have asked the Law Director about the questions that are raised in my mind. We would not discuss this without outside legal counsel and get their opinion. Mrs. McDonald said she received the letter regarding Chief Pope on last Friday.

- Regarding the letter from the Patrolmen would it not be expected, and would it not be a minimum level of service that it would have been investigated for truth, and would it not be at all difficult for a statement to have been stated, an official statement from you Mayor and the City Council, that there has not been any involvement with the Sheriff Department from the City of Trotwood. I don't understand why I am having to defend this kind of an allegation. Loud talking and clapping from the audience on the tape. Again, I highly suspect these two letters where individuals have made me guilty and invaded my turf. That's what has happened. They have caused me undue damage to my public office as an elected official of the City of Trotwood by preparing statements that are not true, and attacking me personally as a Council Member for a decision made by City Council. The City Council asked for that information from the Sheriff's Department not Mary McDonald, and nobody has come forward to say that. What I think is missing here, for individuals to understand is that I am, and that is for Mr. Pope and anybody else, I am not a Staff Member. I do not work for Mr. Lucking. More talking from the audience. These individuals do, and the individuals on the street they do. And to be an elected official and to be handled at this level, I find reprehensible. More talking out in the audience and clapping. The climate that we are operating in we have never operated this way before, and this is because Clearly Mayor a lack of leadership. It is your responsibility. Mayor Cameron said Mrs. McDonald you are out of order. Mrs. McDonald said I am not out of order. I am not out of order. Mrs. McDonald said it is your responsibility to... Mayor Cameron gaveled and said it is your responsibility to do what you do, and my responsibility to do what I do. Mrs. McDonald said when will you do it. Mayor Cameron said you have slandered me, you have slandered me, and this is not a place for this. Now if you want to meet with me, you can.

The way that you are doing this, I will definitely say that this is a topic that I am not willing to discuss. Reading this document in the open to the citizens, is not the way to handle this. We need to handle this in Executive Session. More clapping and noise from the audience. Mrs. McDonald said she feels what needs to happen, I don't have any problem with Executive Session, but the current climate we are operating in, and what has been permitted to happen out here with citizens maligning my character here and you not speaking to it. Meeting with you in Executive Session, I don't trust a bit of that, and what I feel. What I feel will happen Mayor, and I have spoken to the Law Director, and there is a strong possibility that this City will not represent me. I will take this to the media because I feel that it will be their responsibility to find recourse because this has gone way beyond. Mayor Cameron said you can do all of that, but I am just telling you that this is a subject that needs to be handled in Executive Session, and I will not discuss all of this with you on this dais. Mrs. McDonald said again, I think what would have simply made this clear was a statement that said there is no way Mary McDonald; one person could ever cause a change in policy. Mayor Cameron gaveled and said we will have order in the audience. Again I feel that this is the only way that I can possibly get any justice because individuals have set here in administration and leadership and have allowed my character to be defamed in something that they know I could not possibly have done. More noise and clapping from the audience. Mayor Cameron said if that is the case, I am offering to you a meeting and if you don't want to do it that is fine, and if you do that is fine. This is what I will say until we have a meeting personally. I am not going to go up on anything because I do not know what I am defending Mrs. McDonald. Mrs. McDonald said you know what the facts are. Mayor Cameron said I sure do. Mrs. McDonald said o.k. then you simply need to state the facts publicly. Mayor Cameron said she knows what the facts are. Mrs. McDonald said I don't know what the difficulty is. Mayor Cameron said I asked you before this got started, I asked you not to engage in answering to the citizens. The citizens can say what they want to when they get here. I asked you not to engage in talking in the last meeting. Did I not. Mrs. McDonald said she doesn't recall that at all. I did. Mr. Hankins said Mayor I think this needs to be discussed in Executive Session. Mayor Cameron said if we get together it will be based upon Mrs. McDonald and calling out what everybody should have done, could have done, is not the answer to this. This has not just gotten here, and I am not going to take the blame for everything that has happened. So we will have an Executive Session and we will move forward. Mrs. McDonald said I do not have a problem with Executive Session, but I do have a problem with this. The Law Director shared with me that there is a possibility that this City will not be representing me in my official capacity could possibly be an end result. I do not accept that as something that should be happening. More clapping and talking from the audience. Mrs. McDonald said she is an elected official, and I absolutely find that anything like this that is happening, I have not met with anyone; I have not talked with anyone about any Sheriff's business. I have not talked with anyone as regards Chief Pope. I do not understand where this is coming from, but I do feel very very strongly that this is designed to repress me on this City Council and as an elected official simply because I may differ in opinion with anyone up here. I feel that you are a body of seven (7) individuals; you have 7 individuals who have minds of their own. As professionals we should be able to talk whatever those issues are, get it done and taking care of. What I am enduring up here is beyond what should be happening in a professional environment. I am deeply saddened by that, and again I speak to this as the result of the leadership here. More noise and clapping from the audience. ..and I am going to. Mayor Cameron said that is good and I am quite sure you have.

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- 2). Council Member Bettye L. Gales – Mr. Lucking about the RAMS, RAM Nation shirts went on sale today at the school for \$15.00. Everyone purchase one to wear on Feb. 17, 2012.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I would like to have peace on this Council.
Thank you for allowing me to serve.

- 3). Council Member Rap Hankins – Senator Sherrod Brown’s moratorium on Closing Post Offices for next five (5) months. Thank you to the citizens of Trotwood who helped in this endeavor by getting signatures.
Ohio Municipal League – opposing the Governor re: collecting municipal income tax at the State. Thank you. Be vigilant, we are making progress.
Representative Winburn – thank you for your friendship and proclamation.
I wish Council and the citizen’s Happy Holidays.

STAFF:

2011 SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AWARD WINNERS NAMED – RECREATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST TERRY LODGE: 3rd Place Winner - \$25.00 – 705 Madison, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clarence. 2nd Place Winner - \$50.00 – 5905 Old Denlinger Road – Shirley Daugherty. 1st Place Winner – \$100.00 – 916 Warburton Drive – Mr. Marvin Milliner. Presentations will be made in the January 3, 2012 Council Meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Cameron requested a Motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mrs. Gales moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., and seconded by Mrs. Johnson. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lois M. Singleton, Clerk of Council

Joyce Sutton Cameron, Mayor