



City of Bluff City
Mayor Percy J. Brown

Office of the Mayor

City Hall / 100 Broad Avenue
Bluff City, Ohio

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Dear Bluff City Citizens:

My, what a holiday season we had here at Bluff City City Hall. Fortunately, this year the official City Hall Christmas Tree did NOT catch fire during the tree lighting ceremony. We did, however, notice that several people experienced somewhat mild electrical shocks while standing near the tree. Evidently the tree light wiring was a bit old and frayed, but only eight people were hospitalized with minor burns. It was a Christmas miracle! We finally got through a tree lighting ceremony where nobody died!

Among other holiday happenings of note, we had a White Elephant gift exchange at the Bluff City City Hall Christmas – er, check that – “Holiday” Party. Ever since the court injunction in 2004 claiming I was a neo-Nazi racist for referring to our annual holiday work party as a “Christmas Party,” per the claim that not everyone in our employment might necessarily an observer of “Christmas”, I’ve been advised by my attorney to refer anything “Christmas” as “Holiday”.

Regardless, the White Elephant gift exchange was a humorous change from previous year’s gift exchanges, which are always painful, at best. Interestingly, Miller thought we were actually exchanging white elephants and was caught trying to rustle the baby elephant out of the Bluff City Zoo. Per the police report, he was allegedly extremely intoxicated and carrying a bucket of white house paint. Fortunately, the white paint really only adhered to the baby elephant four or five days before peeling off and Mr. Miller was released from jail once it was realized he is the current acting Police and Fire Chiefs.

The oddest white elephant gift came from Stan Stanlovski and it was a full-size, anatomically correct female mannequin. Stan claims he received the present last year from Miller and that Stan’s wife only used it to hang her fur coat on. What Miller was doing with it nobody wants to know.

An afternoon of caroling was also planned by city employees, who were going to go from office to office singing traditional Christmas – er, sorry, Holiday carols. They were accepting donations while caroling to raise money for the local homeless shelter. After first stopping at my office to sing “We Three Kings”, the rest of city hall heard how bad the singing was and everyone rushed to my office to pay the group of caroler NOT to sing anymore. After raising \$1200, Mrs. Sneedly, our Rec & Parks administrative assistant and head of the caroling group quickly realized more funds could be raised by extorting money from employees to NOT be subjected to the Christmas, er, Holiday carols than by actual singing.

I let city employees go home early for Christmas Eve in an effort to avoid rush hour issues. I dismissed personnel at 4:00, a full half-hour before normal dismissal time. However, by 3:00 three inches of snow had fallen on Bluff City so the roads were already bad. Compounding the problem was the fact that the snow plow drivers were also inadvertently dismissed, leaving us with no one to keep the streets clear!

Needless to say, it was a wild and wonderful December! Here’s hoping the New Year is tamer!!

Sincerely,
Percy J. Brown
Your Honorable Mayor