

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF
EASTPOINTE, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
MAY 9, 2007, IN THE EASTPOINTE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Austin with the following Council Members present:

Klinefelt, Pixley, Selvidge and Sweeney

Administrators present: Mancani and Parks

City Manager Parks gave an overview of FY 2007-08 unallocated expenses.

Councilwoman Klinefelt asked why there wasn't any money in the unallocated consultant/legal line item and Mr. Parks explained that all of the money has been moved to the legal line item. Councilwoman Klinefelt asked why the decrease from \$120,000 to \$70,000 in unallocated weeds and Mr. Altimus explained it was because it is being spread out between Wally and Hal. Mr. Parks explained that this line item will be adjusted during the year.

Councilman Selvidge commented on high grass including the City's medians and that the City needs to keep a full-time person on this. Councilman Selvidge discussed that the Building Department already lost one person in Brian and now they are not replacing inspectors. Mr. Parks agreed that code enforcement is a priority but explained that we don't need a full-time employee if we can contract it out.

Councilwoman Klinefelt commented that contracting versus full-time position discussions should take place when the Council is reviewing the Building Department budget.

Ms. Mancani explained that the grass and weed program revenues are higher than the expenses.

Councilman Sweeney explained that this program is not out there to make money but to enhance the City.

Mayor Austin commented that tall grass and weeds are a violation and the City doesn't have to let the bank or whoever not maintain the homes they own. Mayor Austin asked that the company that cuts the medians needs to be told to blow the grass onto the medians rather than on the street.

Mr. Parks gave an overview of general fund transfers out. Council discussed the Economic Development transfers out amount.

Chief Michael Lauretti gave an overview of the Police Department budget. Chief Lauretti discussed overtime costs for Court; line item 920000 for public utilities and asked Council to increase this line item to \$85,000 and discussed line item 741000 for gas and oil which will fluctuate.

Councilwoman Klinefelt asked if there was some moving around of line item 913030 general liability insurance. Mr. Gordier responded that the Police Department fund is being charged their fair share now.

Councilwoman Klinefelt asked for an explanation of line item 999402 and an explanation of the increase in the line item. Mr. Parks explained that this is this year's contribution for equipment replacement. Chief Lauretti explained that this is police vehicles and in-car computers.

Chief Dan Hagen gave an overview of the Fire Department budget and requested that line item 980000 be decreased to \$10,000.

Councilwoman Klinefelt asked why fire command salaries are going up a little over fourteen percent and asked Mr. Parks to look at both the Police Department and Fire Department salary increases. Councilwoman Klinefelt asked why there was \$1,200 for petty cash under the educational expenses line item and it was explained that this was for employees to pay for educational seminars, etc.

Councilwoman Klinefelt asked which conferences take place out of the state. Chief Hagen responded that it was the International Chief's Conference.

Council discussed the ALS millage that expires at the end of June, 2007.

Chief Hagen discussed the Fire Department CIP and the building expansion.

Councilman Sweeney commented that he would like to have Partners in Architecture look at the building expansion.

Greg Brown gave an overview of the Public Works budget.

Councilman Selvidge asked Mr. Parks to find out if it would cost less to have the Parks & Recreation staff cut the median grass. Councilwoman Klinefelt asked if it would be less costly to spray the weeds in the median.

Mr. Brown explained that the cost of the grates is actually \$5,100 instead of \$4,000.

Greg Brown gave an overview of the Rubbish Collection budget and discussed that tonnage is going down in the City.

Carol Sterling gave an overview of the Library budget.

Mayor Austin announced the Hearing of the Public, at which time:

Jeff Lubeck discussed the fire millage.

There being no further comment, Mayor Austin announced the Hearing of the Public closed.

Mayor Austin announced Council Reports:

Councilwoman Klinefelt had no report.

Councilwoman Pixley had no report.

Councilman Selvidge had no report.

Councilman Sweeney had no report.

Mayor Austin had no report.

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt, Pixley and Austin
Nays: None