

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF
EASTPOINTE, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD ON TUESDAY,
JULY 3, 2007, IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Invocation was rendered by City Attorney Hribar.

Pledge allegiance to the flag was presented.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Austin with the following Council Members present:

Klinefelt, Pixley, Selvidge and Sweeney

Administrators present: Hribar, Parks and Mancani

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

Sharon Ziemniak-Zelmanski discussed a ground water tax and water meter sizes.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on June 5, 2007, as written.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on June 13, 2007, as written.

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

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 19, 2007, as written.

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

Mayor Austin announced that there were no scheduled hearings.

Mayor Austin announced unfinished business.

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to table the education policy adopted by the Eastpointe Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees on April 25, 2007.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 991 to amend Chapter 1042 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastpointe in regard to the water rates.

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

Motion by Klinefelt, seconded by Sweeney, for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 992 to amend Chapter 1050 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastpointe in regard to the sewer use rates.

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

City Manager, Finance Director and City Attorney gave their respective reports from administration.

City Manager Parks asked Council if they had any questions regarding his weekly report. Councilman Sweeney asked Mr. Parks how things were going at the temporary City Hall location. Mr. Parks responded that things were going quite well.

Finance Director Mancani informed residents to watch for their tax bills and informed Council that she is working on their request regarding monthly water bills rather than quarterly water bills.

City Attorney Hribar had nothing to report.

Mayor Austin announced new business.

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the request from the Eastpointe Beautification Commission to host its third City-wide pond tour on Saturday, July 21, 2007.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to amend the FY2007-08 budget to increase budget account No. 101-965-999-402 General Fund Transfer Out to Equipment Replacement Fund by \$16,750.00 from \$306,167.00 to \$322,917.00; increase budget account No. 402-000-699-101 Equipment Replacement Fund Transfer in from General Fund by \$16,750.00 from \$306,167.00 to \$322,917.00; and increase budget account No. 402-753-975-000 Equipment Replacement Fund – Admin/Community Center – Building Additions & Improvements by \$16,750.00 from \$97,757.00 to \$114,507.00.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Community Center gym floor replacement project contract with Conventional Carpet, Inc, to include the installation of a floor primer system to mitigate the floor moisture content at a cost of \$16,750.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents relating to this change order.

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

Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, July 16, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Library to conduct contract negotiations for the City Attorney, Finance Director and City Manager.

Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss Parks & Recreation issues.

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Klinefelt, to approve the proposal by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan to move from a fully-insured health insurance program to a self-funded insurance program for a minimum of three years beginning July 1, 2007, and to authorize that any credits received from the Rate Stabilization Reserve be allocated as contributions to the Retiree Health Care Accumulation Fund.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Klinefelt, approving the following payroll and bills in the amount of \$1,451,907.92.

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

Mayor Austin announced the second Hearing of the Public, with no public participation.

Mayor Austin announced Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilwoman Pixley announced the Citizen Police Academy that will start in the fall and that Chief Lauretti is looking for applicants; announced Erin Halfway Days on July 14th and offered best wishes to the Torp family.

Councilman Sweeney discussed trees overhanging sidewalks and asked that this be put on an agenda in order to prepare an ordinance regarding this; discussed that he would like an agenda discussion about going with City-owned laptops for Council use and welcomed Peggy Mann home from the hospital.

Mayor Austin requested that the laptop issue be placed on the next agenda.

Councilwoman Klinefelt discussed the education policy.

Councilman Selvidge discussed the firework situation and discussed the water rates and the option of having two meters – one for lawn watering and one for indoors and explained that Eastpointe doesn't have the type of system to do that.

Mayor Austin discussed that it is hard to enforce the ordinance regarding fireworks and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to adjourn to closed session at 8:01 p.m. for attorney/client privileged communications – vacant property and 38th District Court Building ADA issues.

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

Following closed session, Council reconvened in open session at 8:26 p.m. and the following motion was made:

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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

DARWIN D. PARKS
CITY CLERK

DAVID AUSTIN
MAYOR