

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF  
EASTPOINTE, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD ON TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 21, 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 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Austin with the following Council Members present:

Klinefelt, Pixley, Selvidge and Sweeney

Administrators present: Gordier, Hribar and Parks

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

Gail Starzynski discussed her opposition to the dog park proposal.

Terry Labadie discussed his opposition to the dog park proposal.

John McMahon discussed his opposition to the dog park proposal.

Sarah Lucido discussed her opposition to the dog park proposal; discussed unleashed dogs in the park and thanked Councilwoman Pixley and Councilman Selvidge for responding to her e-mail.

Jim Bell discussed his opposition to the dog park proposal.

Mike Vanoost discussed concerns about covering manholes when dumping gravel; discussed a neighbor being upset about his property; asked when are they going to remove the "no left turn" sign at Schroeder and Nine Mile Road and commented that the Police Department crime report is on the website.

A gentleman speaking for his absentee son asked if the City Charter allows for the City to take City property and turn it over to private groups or individuals.

Pete Starzynski thanked Councilwoman Klinefelt and Mr. Parks for having the drain fixed in front of his house.

Greg DeVito discussed the groundbreaking and looking forward to the new Eastpointe City Hall.

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

Mayor Austin removed Item G under New Business from the Agenda.

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on August 8, 2007, as written.

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

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 14, 2007, as written.

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

Mayor Austin announced that there were no scheduled hearings.

Mayor Austin announced that there was no unfinished business.

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

City Manager Parks commented that Council received his report dated August 17, 2007 and asked if they had any questions.

Greg Brown gave an update on the road construction projects.

Councilwoman Klinefelt asked Mr. Brown about a dip in the road on Nine Mile Road. Mr. Brown asked where it was. Councilwoman Klinefelt responded that she would let him know. Mr. Parks discussed that there is a drainage problem at Nine Mile and Kelly.

Councilman Sweeney asked Mr. Parks if the sidewalks at the schools are their responsibility or the City's responsibility.

Deputy Finance Director Gordier had no report.

City Attorney Hribar had no report.

Mayor Austin announced new business.

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to approve the request from McLeod Chiropractic to host an ice cream social/health fair on Saturday, September 15, 2007, contingent upon the company providing general liability insurance coverage for the event naming the City of Eastpointe as additional insured, executing a hold harmless agreement indemnifying the City and obtaining any necessary health or other required permits.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Pixley, to authorize the Eastpointe Downtown Development Authority to enter into a contract with The Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the amount of \$67,367.00 for the design, fabrication, delivery and installation of a custom clock tower at the southeast corner of Nine Mile Road and Gratiot Avenue.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to waive competitive bidding requirements due to a finding of no advantage to the City, authorize City Administration to purchase four used vehicles for use by police detectives from Colonial Dodge of Eastpointe, Michigan, in the amount of \$84,430.00 to be charged to FY2007-08 Budget Account No. 402-301-981-000 Equipment Replacement Fund – Police Department Vehicles and authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary documents related to the purchase.

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

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve a tattooist license for Christopher Kukla, Jr., for employment at Ironside Tattoo at 15040 Nine Mile Road in accordance with Chapter 871 of the City of Eastpointe Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion by Klinefelt, seconded by Sweeney, to approve a masseur's license for Rhonda H. Krzewicki for employment at Hair Body & Beyond Spa Salon at 20909 Kelly Road in accordance with Chapter 846 of the City of Eastpointe Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to amend the FY2007-08 Budget by increasing the appropriation to Account No. 101-758-763-000 General Fund – Parks Holiday Supplies by \$10,000.00 from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to award the bid for the purchase of L.E.D. Christmas lights to Winterland, Inc., of Marion, Indiana, at their bid unit prices dated July 17, 2007, to be charged to FY2007-08 Budget Account No. 101-758-763-000 General Fund – Parks Holiday Supplies.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with Point and Pay, Inc., of Portland, Oregon, to provide credit card and e-check payment processing services for the City in accordance with its proposal dated August 14, 2007, with the understanding that the company is waiving all set-up fees for the services.

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

Motion by Klinefelt, seconded by Selvidge, to table the appointment of an alternate to the Zoning/Sign/Fence Board of Appeals to fill an unexpired term that expires May 15, 2009.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Klinefelt, to designate Mayor Austin as the Council voting delegate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention.

Yeas: Selvidge, Klinefelt, Pixley and Austin  
Nays: Sweeney

Mayor Austin announced a discussion on water meter fines and penalties.

Councilman Selvidge asked Council that they waive the penalties and fees for one more year on water bills so that every resident is treated fairly.

Councilwoman Pixley asked that if someone already had one year to pay would they also get the additional year. Councilman Selvidge responded yes.

Councilman Sweeney commented that he would like everyone to get a chance to have the penalties and fees waived.

Councilwoman Pixley asked Mr. Brown how difficult it would be to figure out the highest water bills. Mr. Brown said that it would be extremely difficult.

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to suspend water meter fines and penalties for the next twelve months to be fair to all people consistent with what we did last year from July 31, 2007 to July 31, 2008.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Klinefelt, approving the following payroll and bills in the amount of \$2,676,071.76.

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

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

Mike Vanoost discussed landscapers blowing grass into the street; asked if it was going to be a requirement to have the red safety pad put in the cement on all street corners; discussed the rat problem in the City and discussed that the residents need to work together on the rat problem.

Jim Bell asked what the status of the dog park is.

Greg DeVito discussed the grass blowing issue and discussed that AT&T does not broadcast the City Council meetings and would like that addressed.

Gail Starzynski discussed that the City needs to get new businesses such as restaurants and shops.

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

Mayor Austin announced Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilman Selvidge discussed that he would like to attract new businesses; discussed the status of the dog park proposal; thanked Council for supporting the waiving of water penalties and fees; thanked Council for approving the purchase of Christmas lights and discussed the City Hall groundbreaking ceremony.

Councilwoman Pixley thanked everyone who came out for the groundbreaking ceremony; thanked Randy Altimus for coordinating the groundbreaking ceremony; responded to Mrs. Starzynski regarding new businesses; responded to Mr. DeVito regarding AT&T not carrying the Council meetings; discussed SEMCOG meetings and asked the Mayor and Councilwoman Klinefelt if they had attended any meetings.

Councilwoman Klinefelt responded to residents regarding the dog park proposal and responded to Mrs. Starzynski regarding new businesses.

Councilman Sweeney discussed why he voted no on the Mayor being the delegate at the MML Convention; responded to residents regarding the dog park proposal; discussed lawn cutting; discussed that school is starting and asked residents to be careful; discussed that he will be seeking Council approval on curfew enforcement; discussed the groundbreaking ceremony; discussed getting businesses into Eastpointe and announced the Bath City Festival this weekend in Mt. Clemens.

Mayor Austin discussed the groundbreaking ceremony; discussed being proactive to bring businesses into the City; discussed capital improvement projects moving along; discussed the dog park proposal and announced the Summerfest this weekend at Kennedy Park.

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to adjourn to closed session at 8:28 p.m. for an update on POAM and POLC contract negotiations.

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

Following closed session, Council reconvened in open session at 9:10 p.m. and the following motion was made:

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

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