Present: Mayor, Pierre Beaudet; Council members Lee McNew, Bill Lembke, George Drake and Gail Haines; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Police Chief, John Roehrig; Environmental Board Chair, Leon Pedell; Attorney, Dan Christ; Fire Service Chair, Dick Lund; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Visitors: Rich Altherr, Starr Foster, Michelle Drake

Mayor Beaudet called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked for approval of the Minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2007. Minutes were approved as submitted.

The Clerk reminded the Council that the April meeting was immediately following the Easter weekend and that the May meeting fell on May 8th, the date of the School District Election. It was agreed that there would be a quorum for the April meeting as scheduled and the May meeting would be moved to May 15th to accommodate the election.

Comments from Residents: Starr Foster spoke about the invasive plant Phrag Mighty that she has identified in several locations in the City. It can be managed by cutting and treating. She had had it done a year and a half ago when the plant was found in the City, but thought that this time a group of residents could eradicate it themselves. She will organize this for July or August. Leon Pedell suggested getting pictures of invasive species on the website and asking residents to watch for the appearance of them.

Bill Lembke asked if a date for the fireworks had been determined. It will be July 4th. Michelle Drake thanked Chief Roehrig for calling to get N. Lake Angelus Road repaired. Leon Pedell has also contacted the Road Commission about the condition of the road.

Police Chief, John Roehrig, gave the Department reports for January and February. He had gotten a call from the Sheriff's Department regarding our dispatch service. The City has paid $4200 per year for the last five years for dispatch service. That contract expires at the end of March. They are asking $13,000 for the next year with a 4% increase in following years. Chief Roehrig explained that Lake Angelus and Clarkston were given a break in the contract for five years which is now expiring. The calculations are based on how many full-time officers there are in the department. The Captain suggested that the City try to get another resolution passed by the Oakland County Commission with calculations based on one full-time officer. Both Chief Roehrig and Councilmember Haines will contact Commissioner John Scott to try to get a resolution passed based on the fact that Lake Angelus and Clarkston have populations of less than 1000. Councilmembers Beaudet and Drake met with Chief Roehrig and discussed a proposal for the Chief to work four days per week instead of five. Sergeant Prosser, would work the fifth day. The Chief would, therefore, become a part-time employee. Mr. Roehrig will meet with Treasurer Frakes to work on a salary proposal.

Chief Roehrig will give materials he has prepared for the manual to Attorney Christ for review. Attorney Christ was also consulted on a neighbor dispute and a warrant was issued. The court may have a neighbor resolution program. The hope is for compliance.

The Environmental Board report was given by Chairman, Leon Pedell. The Board had met just prior to the Council meeting and voted to continue the annual Clayton study and
to continue the mosquito program as previously, spraying only if West Nile Disease was found in the population. They also voted to use the same company to affect goose control. The City expects a bill for $3000+ from AQuest for work that Doug Pullman was contracted to do in the way of a survey. A new contract has been submitted which includes fish habitat and weed survey and a wide range of treatment because Dr. Pullman feels that invasive species will appear. The Board voted not to approve this contract for this summer. It did not feel that the fish analysis was necessary and felt no rush for the other work indicated. The Board will consider recommendations from other companies. Regarding the stormwater problem near the Kresge property, everyone who has inspected the property agrees that there should be a diversion of water in the wetlands. Auburn Hills does not have money in the budget for this unless it is included in the paving project. Contact with Ron Melchert of Auburn Hills has been difficult as he does not respond to calls. Auburn Hills had an opportunity to sign the road agreement but they did not sign. Dr. Pedell strongly advised that the City deal with this diversion, get permission from the Chases, Sheas and Biggers who own the property and start getting bids for the project. Dick Lund suggested getting Hubbel, Roth and Clark involved. The Council agreed to proceed as suggested.

Dr. Pedell informed the Council that two counties have sued the DEQ over the requirements under Phase II of the Stormwater Project and there is the possibility that the City can opt out of these requirements. A request must be filed by March 15, signed by the Mayor, and the permit fee must be paid by the same date. If the City is allowed to opt out of Phase II, the permit fee would be refunded by the DEQ. Councilmember Haines moved to approve $500 for the permit fee to be paid immediately and for the forms to be executed by the Mayor by March 15th to opt out of the Phase II Stormwater project. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Councilmember McNew moved to approve the funds for the Clayton Group water quality study. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Haines moved to approve fund for the mosquito program as described. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Haines moved to contract Goosebusters with a limit of $1000 for goose control. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Frakes received a bill from the DEQ for $100 for a permit for the gun range indicating that it was an annual invoice for hazardous waste. Councilmember Lembke indicated that the range has been cleaned, closed and sealed and we have documentation that this process is complete. Mrs. Frakes also indicated that she had not received the annual payment from the Taubman Company required by the consent judgment. She will contact Taubman. Attorney Christ will consult with Jim Howlett regarding the Holiday Express to determine whether it is a part of the Taubman mall property.

The issue of a septic ordinance was discussed. Dick Lund felt the ordinance under consideration was very complex. The County has not been able to determine what to do in this regard and the City had originally thought to consider it after the County takes action. Attorney Christ indicated that there is a host of ordinance ideas that are much simpler. Councilmember Lembke has suggested an inspection at the time of sale. Councilmember Drake pointed out that the Clayton water quality studies have never identified problems coming from septic tanks. The Council will not consider this at this time. Councilmember Haines inquired about the codification of ordinances. Dick Lund felt that some ordinances were not enforceable as they had not been properly published and that not all Planning Commission members were working from that same updates of
Mrs. Frakes had prepared a bond redemption listing. She had identified four out of the five entries. She will forfeit the unidentified one and return bond monies to the others. Attorney Christ advised returning $700 of the Waldron bond and withholding $300 to cover the unpaid fee for freedom of information materials secured by his attorney.

Six salvage vehicle inspections have been performed by Officer O'Hara this year.

All summer taxes and all but three winter taxes have been paid. Unpaid tax accounts have been turned over to the County as required. For the 2007 tax year, all county taxes have been moved to the Summer Tax statement leaving only the Parks and Recreation and the Huron-Clinton Metro Authority taxes on the Winter statement. Council member Haines will communicate to County Commissioner, John Scott, that the City's hope is that the legislature will make a change in these taxes as well, from Winter to Summer, to avoid municipalities having the expense of sending out these very small tax bills in the winter. Mrs. Frakes asked that the budget request sheets be returned to her by the April meeting so that the Budget Committee can meet before the May meeting to prepare for the Budget Hearing. Clerk Lake requested funds to purchase an external floppy disc drive. It was thought best to save Council and Planning Commission materials on CDs instead.

Councilmember McNew is filling out the annual insurance questionnaire forms for MMRA and MML. She would like to find liability coverage beyond $10 million.

Attorney Christ reported on an inquiry about the bottomlands of Lake Angelus, that 125 acres of these lands were deeded to the City many years ago. Councilmember McNew inquired about donation of property, referencing possibly some of the Mrsan property. She wondered if a land conservancy could be formed that would exclude public access.

Dick Lund, Fire Service Committee Chairman, recommended that it was time to disband the Fire Service Committee as its work is done. He felt it was inappropriate for him to be called fire marshal as Ron Arnold, Captain of the Waterford Fire Department is the Lake Angelus Fire Marshall. The Council gave Dick heartfelt thanks for a job well done! Councilmember Drake moved to disband the Fire Service Committee. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Lembke inquired about brush being cut back from accessways and communication with those who do not comply with the ordinance regarding this. Mr. Lund responded that the Police Chief and two other officers are familiar with the ordinance and will observe as they move around the City.

Additional Business: Councilmember Haines showed the logo that will be used on the Lake Angelus website and thought that the site would be ready to present in a month.

There being no further business, Mayor Beaudet adjourned the meeting at 10:52 p.m. and confirmed the next regularly scheduled meeting for April 10, 2007.

Approved: Pierre Beaudet, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Lake, Clerk