Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and turned the meeting over to Pierre Beaudet.  Dr. Beaudet moved through a typical agenda sharing communication, correspondence and his thoughts and experience on each item.

Police Department:  The management of the Police Department is a priority.  Dr. Beaudet met with the Chief every Friday and called him once or twice a week.  He felt it was important to keep knowing what was going on.  He talked about rates of pay and what they mean to the quality of a department.  The Department has cut way down on ticketing.  Ticketing is revenue negative for the City because of the legal issues that often arise and require the expertise of the City attorney.  Dr. Beaudet and Mr. Drake have met regularly with the Chief regarding the his contract, which Mr. Roehrig is skilled at negotiating.  It is a good idea for the Chief to meet and do business directly with the Council.

The City has been dispatching through Oakland County for $4000.  This has now changed and the rates will be much higher.  Councilmember Haines noted that Commissioner John Scott has worked hard on behalf of the City regarding this.  Waterford is willing to do dispatch for the City at a lesser rate, but the radio change-over is coming which will affect the rates.  After this change, the City needs to take another look at the costs and services.

Officer Don McLellan is a world expert in police training and policy matters.  He is working with the Chief on the policy manual.

The reason that the Police Commission was abandoned was because decisions were being made and money was being spent without the knowledge or approval of the Council. The Commission was not acting in an advisory capacity.  Dr. Beaudet strongly recommended that the Chief be directly responsible to the Council, particularly the Mayor.

Roads:  Dr. Beaudet was aware that citizens in the Canadian subdivision area are still requesting that Auburn Hills pave North Lake Angelus Road.  Mr. Drake indicated that the Oakland County Road Commission has no funds for this now.  Lake Angelus will approve the paving if Auburn Hills pays for it.  There are new methods of paving being used.  They are being tested in Milford over the winter.  Councilmember Haines has heard that Auburn Hills wants to pave the road, but OCRC does not have its share of the funds.  The City has insisted on environmental guarantees and Mr. Drake indicated that many of these have already been or are being accomplished.  Mrs. McNew inquired about the status of the water flow from the Harmonie Drain.  Dr. Beaudet indicated that Auburn
Hills has said that the water flow is moving as it historically always has. Photographs show a different history.

Mr. Drake indicated that Major Road funds have only been allowed to be spent on the Baldwin Berm. Money may be trapped in the Major Road Fund that we can use for other projects. We had hoped to use it for a deceleration lane on Baldwin, but there was no study of a history of accidents and the OCRC has no money. Jim Howlett indicated that a certain amount of the Major Road money can be allocated to the Local Road Fund each year. It is also possible to give some of the Major Road Funds to the OCRC to use on Baldwin for some benefit to the City.

Hubbel, Roth and Clark was asked to determine the location of Gallogly Road and it was found that it is mostly in Lake Angelus. Pontiac gets money for maintaining it from somewhere but it is not known where. Mr. Lembke noted that, at some time in the past, a contract or arrangement must have been made with Pontiac that Pontiac does not want to relinquish. Chief Roehrig has been successful on some occasions in getting Pontiac to provide maintenance. Mr. Drake suggested that Ed Adler be asked to try to work with Pontiac. The Council will write a letter requesting that Mr. Adler represent the Council on this issue.

Planning Commission: Dr. Beaudet felt that the Planning Commission is the most important working group in the City. He recommended meeting with Brian Oppmann regularly to see that everyone is on the same page.

City Property: The drainage behind the City Hall from the area across Baldwin has been on the OCRC list for years. The DEQ is doing a study of the system and should report back to the City.

A 20-foot strip of land extending from the Shores Road to Walton Blvd. belongs to the City. The property owners that back up to the strip use it and some have even fenced it. Pulte may have landscaped some of it. Every five years or so the City notifies the property owners that that property belongs to the City. It could be used by the City at some time in the future. Jim Howlett noted that if property owners fence the property, they could claim adverse possession. He cautioned the Council not to jeopardize ownership. Attorney Christ should be consulted.

The Consent Judgment with the Great Lakes Crossing Mall (Taubman) expires in 2011.

Jon Cabot, Rob Welsh and Jim Lynch have been communicating with the owners of the Silver Lake Golf Course. Dr. Cabot indicated that the owners think the property is worth much more than it actually is. Jim Lynch has been contacting individual owners recently.

The Fireworks are arranged for by Bob Goldsmith. A deposit of $4000 must be paid in January for the next year. The Lake Angelus fire truck is present during the display.

Dr. Beaudet complemented Leon Pedell for his work with the Environmental Quality Board and other important environmental issues.
Legal: Dr. Beaudet indicated that there is a need to define calls that should be made to the City Attorney and by whom they may be made. Mr. Howlett spoke from an attorney’s perspective saying that there often is a problem of who can call the attorney and under what circumstances. There needs to be a clear policy that the attorney is aware of as well as those who serve the City.

Dr. Beaudet and Mr. Drake were thanked generously for their perspectives, experience and willingness to continue to serve in advisory capacities.

Clerk’s Business: The Clerk distributed a list of contact numbers for all who serve the City and a copy of the various committee memberships which is listed on the website. She provided also a letter referring to the Auburn Hills Collier Road Area Master Plan for general information. An article had appeared in the Michigan Municipal Review regarding employee gifts which the Clerk distributed.

There were no resident comments other than those of Mr. Howlett made during the business portion of the meeting.

Additional Business: Mayor McNew presented some areas that will need to be attended to by the new Council and requested that each member give thought to what they may like to take on. These assignments will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

There being no further discussion, Mayor McNew adjourned the Special Meeting and confirmed the next regularly scheduled meeting for December 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk