Mayor Lee McNew called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Mayor called forward former Mayor, Councilmember and member of the Planning Commission, Pierre Beaudet to honor him for his many years of service to the City in numerous capacities. Applause followed, together with many thanks from those present. Mayor McNew called George Drake to be honored for his service on the Council, the Planning Commission and again on the Council at special request. The appreciation of those present was expressed and photographs were taken.

Minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2007 were approved as corrected. The Clerk’s report included a previously sent list of items in the City’s safe deposit box and a copy of the contract with the Waterford Fire Department. Lists of members of the Board of Review, Planning Commission and Environmental Board were provided by Councilmember Cabot and the Clerk. Not all term lengths and expiration dates had been assigned. Councilmember Haines moved to make/confirm the following appointments for the Board of Review:

- Ray Siwiec, Chair, expiration December 31, 2011
- Pat Schimpke, expiration December 31, 2010
- Jim Bryant, expiration December 31, 2009
- Lee Embrey III serves as alternate.

Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Haines moved to make the appointment of Bill Lembke as the Council liaison and Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission, his term to expire in November 2011. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Storrie moved to appoint Bob Bailey to replace Dick Lund on the Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2011. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Other members and terms are as follows:

- Forrest Milzow, expiration December 31, 2008
- Heidi Hoyles, expiration December 31, 2008
- Carl Messer, expiration December 31, 2010
- Dale DeLorge, expiration December 31, 2010
- Gary Parlove, expiration December 31, 2010

Councilmember Haines moved to confirm the following appointments to the Environmental Board with the indicated terms:

- Leon Pedell, expiration December 31, 2010
- Linda Daniels, expiration December 31, 2010
- Lee Embrey III, expiration December 31, 2010
The Clerk had presented No-Haz estimates and materials at the December meeting and forwarded the final No-Haz Agreement and Resolution prior to this meeting. Councilmember Cabot had researched the availability of any other hazardous waste disposal for City residents and found that there was none. He moved to approve the No-Haz agreement with Oakland County. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Resolution authorizing Mayor McNew to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resident Comments: George Drake reviewed the request by the Council that he contact Hubbel, Roth and Clark to determine whether Gallogly Road lies within the City limits of Pontiac or whether it is in the City of Lake Angelus. HRC has agreed to reduce its fee for this opinion from $1200 to $600.

Rosalie Lake requested permission to have a memorial for Bob Lake at the City Barn for all City residents and her family members in the early summer. Permission was granted, a date to be set later. On behalf of the Lake family, Ms. Lake also expressed a desire to establish a fund for the restoration of the City Hall, particularly for new furniture, in memory of Bob and Barbara Lake. The Council approved the Fund to which gifts would be earmarked for this purpose and be tax deductible.

Police Chief, John Roehrig, gave the Department report. The old Police car has been sold, paid for and taken away. Councilmember Cabot will remove the insurance. The Chief continues to work on the Policy Manual, providing copies to Attorney Christ for review. Questions have been returned on some issues. As soon as potential changes are made, items will be provided to the Council. The City does not have a local ordinance regarding domestic violence that could simplify the legal processes in minor cases. Attorney Christ will provide materials to clarify the issues involved. The cleaning schedule for the Police Department is once a week and for City Hall, once a month.

The performance of the Waterford Fire Department was excellent in the fire at the Knysz home on Gallogly Road. If they had arrived two minutes sooner, there would have been much less damage. The dispatch service called the LAPD. Dick Lund suggested that it is important that all feedback on performance be gotten back to Waterford. Chief Roehrig was asked to review all incidents with the Waterford Fire Department.

Dick Lund made a presentation on security for the City. He cited the need for security to be the slowing economy which will increase the crime rate. He noted crimes in the area
and that Pontiac is troubled. Property values will be affected. He felt the City needs to be proactive and put security high on its agenda. Mr. Lund presented a proposal for a security system including prices he had been able to acquire. He listed high definition cameras, location oriented, functioning 24/7 with no requirement for light, able to detect anyone coming in or leaving the City and noting license plate numbers. The software can tie into state systems providing many possibilities for the Police Department. Comcast can join the system so that homeowners can have their own systems. The price to install poles and equipment owned by the City is $584,600. Maintenance and service for 14 cameras on a 24/7 basis is $1700/month. Comcast’s fee for homeowners is $94/month for each house. The system can be leased for $13,968/month for 5 years at which time the City would own it with no additional fees. This amounts to $116,000/year for 5 years. Councilmember Storrie said that the residents on Gray Woods Lane formed an association based on a security system for all on the Lane. Chief Roehrig indicated that he had met with Mr. Lund and a salesman and that the infrastructure would remain even if the cameras become obsolete. Jim Hibbard advocated advertising strongly. He felt that over half the benefit of a security system is in letting people know you have it. Councilmember Storrie suggested that the action item for Dick Lund is to know where a system has been installed and identify what problems there have been. Mr. Lund said that he could answer these questions in a few days. Further, Mr. Storrie indicated that the City needs to know where it will get the money to install such a system. Mr. Lund will arrange for a public meeting on the subject.

The Council notes in the ‘Angelus’ will continue as the ‘Mayor’s Notes’.

The Environmental Board will hold a public discussion regarding weed management in the Lake at their next Board meeting to be held on January 22, 2008.

Councilmember Lembke and Mayor McNew have spoken with Dan Rhodes of Pontiac about the maintenance of Gallogly Road. He was agreeable to turning the work over to the Oakland County Road Commission, but he is not the boss. Pontiac receives $500 a year to maintain the west end of Gallogly Road. Allan Schneck said he could talk with the Pontiac City Council to get them to outsource the work to Oakland County. The City is waiting for a report from the DEQ on the Sinking Bridge Drain. The water needs to be flowing east, out of the property behind City Hall. Many trees have been lost there. Mr. Lembke indicated that the drain needs to be refigured to solve the problem. A letter of intent needs to be written to Tom Roechel of OCRC if the City wishes to use tri-party funds for the grading and graveling of adjacent dirt roads. Local Road funds can be used to pay for this. Mrs. McNew will write the letter of intent.

Building and Permits: The report from Brian Oppmann went to Treasurer Frakes. Planning Commission Chair, Forrest Milzow will try to get a reduction in fees from Code Enforcement. Councilmember Lembke will discuss the existing grade ordinance at the next meeting.

City Property: Bill Lembke indicated that the grade going down from the Police Department toward the Barn needs to be asphalted to prevent an accident on that hill.
A fallen tree has been removed from a portion of fence. A great deal of trash has been dumped on Gallogly Road. It will be hauled away.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, gave her report. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the warrants and financial statements. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#14786 to Billington Services for $850
#14800 to Linda Burton for $1000
#14802 to Hafeli, Staran for $689.52
#14805 to Voyager Fleet for $701.60
#14808 to Adv. Pest Mgt for $4479.50
#14822 to Lee McNew for $1100

The Profit and Loss shows the budget at 46%. The City has $365,338 in two CDs. One of them ($144,000) will expire on January 11, 2008. Mrs. Frakes found the highest rate at the Clarkston State Bank. The Council agreed to reinvest for 6 months at 4.75%.

Winter tax payments have been received from about 2/3 of residents. Discussion of the audit will be postponed until the next meeting. Mrs. Frakes requested membership in the Oakland County Treasurers’ Association. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the request. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The cost of repaving the Boat Ramp was $1200. The Shores Road Association asked that the City pay for this. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the expenditure. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Workmans’ Comp rate was 3.2% for this year. It is expected that it will go back to 1.9% next year. A querie was made regarding whether police officers are paid holiday pay for serving on New Years Eve. They are not. A contract was received for the new Building Inspector.

Mayor McNew has sent a letter to the insurance companies notifying them that Councilmember Cabot will be the new liaison to the Council. She has given Mr. Cabot information to acquire insurance bids. Mrs. McNew will get the disbursement check from the Michigan Municipal League.

Councilmember Storrie moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:16. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 12, 2008.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk