LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2007

Present: Mayor Lee McNew; Councilmembers, Gail Haines, Jon Cabot, Karl Storrie; Attorney, Dan Christ; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Police Chief, John Roehrig; Clerk, Rosalie Lake
Absent: Councilmember, Bill Lembke
Visitors: Michelle Drake

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for approval of the Minutes of November 13, which were approved as corrected, and November 29, which were approved as submitted.

Mayor McNew proposed a 3 minute limit to each resident comment, a person being able to comment again only after all who wished to speak had spoken. Mrs. McNew will contact Ray Siwiec regarding the terms of service of Board of Review members. The Clerk will provide the expiration of the terms of the Planning Commission members. Councilmember Cabot will consult with Environmental Board Chair, Leon Pedell, regarding membership and terms on the Board. Some discussion was held on publishing the ordinances on the website. Attorney Christ asked about the amount of bandwidth on the website for this purpose. Codifying recent ordinances will go forward with exploration of how to publish all ordinances on the website.

A letter should be sent to the Pontiac School District regarding the fact that the property at the corner of Baldwin and N. Lake Angelus Road is owned by the City. The Clerk presented No-Haz membership materials for Council consideration. The Presidential Primary scheduled for January 15 looks like it will be held. Two bids were received for the police car. The bid of $4600 was accepted.

Resident Comments: Michelle Drake spoke about the atrocious condition of Gallogly Rd. Mayor McNew has spoken to Allen Schmeck in Pontiac. Oakland County is willing to maintain the road if Pontiac relinquishes the funds they receive for doing it. Chief Roehrig has indicated to Pontiac that if there is a trouble related to the condition of the road, liability will be addressed. Pontiac uses a plow truck to grade the road and has never put gravel on it and yet Pontiac is very resistant to giving up maintenance. Mrs. Drake suggested finding out where the funds come from to maintain the road and let the source know what is happening. The state Highway Commission determines the formula for the use of road tax money.

Chief, John Roehrig, gave the Police Department report indicating that it had been a light month. He has given three revised policies for the Policy Manual to Attorney Christ to review. They have already been cleared through Oakland County attorneys by Dan McClellan. They will soon have two or three more and will bring them each month to the meeting. The goal is to complete the eight additions and corrections by June of 2008. Recent training related to how officers protect themselves; non-physical crisis...
intervention and physical control. The issue of calls to the City Attorney and who should communicate with the attorney was discussed. Mayor McNew provided copies of the new agreement with the Chief. Councilmembers will review MML materials regarding gifts for employees. Attorney Christ discussed the use of public funds in this regard and whether there was public benefit. Councilmember Storrie moved to give a $50 gift certificate to all police officers. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Issues: Councilmember Storrie suggested the use of an Action Item Log as a tabulator to save repetition. The agenda would be used for the basis of action items. Mayor McNew will note items for action on the agenda.

Attorney Christ presented Rules for Order. Councilmember Cabot suggested that Resident Comments be made in the first fifteen minutes of the meeting and if there is a continuation, these be made at the end. Notification of agenda items should be made to the Mayor by the Friday afternoon before the meeting. Alternate meeting dates will be set by the Clerk. Attorney Christ will update the Rules with these considerations. Assignment of the oversight of Roads was made to Karl Storrie.

The value of SEMCOG membership was discussed. Councilmember Cabot moved to terminate participation in SEMCOG. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Quality Board: A presentation to residents regarding weed control will be made at the Board’s meeting on January 22 at 7 pm. The Board will then make a recommendation to the Council at the February meeting. The restoration of the wetlands will continue in the spring. The Board recommends continuing the Clayton studies of water quality.

Roads: Tri-Party Road Improvement fund allocation for 2008 is about $3200. Projects are paid for in thirds by Oakland County, RCOC, and Lake Angelus. The City has not used the funds since 1993. The funds cannot be used on private roads in the City. To do one mile of road grading and graveling costs $14,000. It could possibly be used to do portions of N. Lake Angelus Road or Gallogly or the drain project on Baldwin. Potential project locations need to be applied for in January 2008. Mayor McNew gave a letter to Ed Adler requesting that he represent the City in contacting Pontiac regarding Gallogly Road.

Planning Commission: Mayor McNew discussed negotiations with Carlisle Wortman to reduce the City’s rate because there has been so little work. She has asked Brian Oppmann for a list of his communications on behalf of the City. There is an opening on the Planning Commission with the expiration of Dick Lund’s term. Ideas for appointees are welcome.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented her report. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the warrants noting those above $500. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#14720 to John Parks for $750            #14727 to Code Enforcement for $1252
#14728 to Code Enforcement for $1121.50  #14732 to Bureau Veritas for $2597.71
#14736 to Billington Serv. for $755   #14737 to Bill Lembke for $650
#void EFT State of MI for $633.96    #void EFT EFTPS for $1945.92
#14750 to Hogan Excavating for $1700 #14751 ASTI Environmental for $1919.21
#14754 to Voyager Fleet for $664.61 #14755 to Hafeli, Staran for $1613.13
#void EFT EFTPS for $1979.18        #14779 to Code Enforcement for $1253
#14780 to John Parks for $750       #14717 to Linda Burton for $1000

Mrs. Frakes indicated that all was in order on the Profit and Loss sheet. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk was asked to provide a copy of the Fire Department contract to council members.

The bill from Hubble, Roth and Clark for determining the location of Gallogly Road will be reviewed with George Drake.

The City has been asked to pay for paving the Boat Ramp. It does not qualify for local road funds. Mrs. Frakes will get a copy of the bill from the road paving company.

Insurance: Treasurer Frakes has provided an excellent report. Councilmember Cabot will make calls regarding this.

Legal Report: Attorney Christ provided information on the 20 Foot Strip. In 2001, letters were sent out to all residents abutting the strip. There is exposure to liability. Any encroachment into the Strip should be at the will of the City. Sending out these notices periodically settles the issue of ownership.

Under the Open Meetings Act, deliberations cannot occur outside of a public meeting. Care should be taken with email.

Mayor McNew adjourned the meeting at 9 pm and confirmed the next regularly scheduled meeting for January 8, 2008.

Approved, Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk