Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers Jon Cabot, David Haines, Karl Storrie and (upon appointment) Chuck Poploskie; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney, Dan Christ; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Clerk, Rosalie Lake
Visitors: Richard and Joan Jones, Jim and Anne Howlett, Jim Cortez, Heidi Hoyles, Brad Rachwal, Officer Don McLellan, Kim Russell (candidate for State Senate)

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Minutes of the meeting of May 11th, 2010 were approved as corrected.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the City Budget for 2010-2011. Treasurer Frakes reviewed the amended budget from the May meeting. The City’s accountants have determined ways that the City can use contingency funds. There have been new budget demands since the presentation of the budget at the May Council meeting. Expenditures for the Barn will exceed the $8000 in the budget for the project by $10,200. Chief Prosser has requested a raise in salary, which if granted, will affect the payroll budgeted. The Council generally felt that the City must be in a cost-cutting mode in the budgeting process, as all cities are finding they must be. The budget should be left as planned with adjustments made, if necessary, at a later date. The additional $10,200 for the Barn will need to come from the Contingency Fund. Treasurer Frakes reminded the Council that the contract with the Waterford Fire Department will expire in 2012 and that the purchase of a new fire truck, which was originally purchased for $411,000, may need to be negotiated as part of a new contract. Councilmember Haines will form a committee to approach Waterford regarding a new contract and the fire truck issue. Mrs. Frakes also noted that the payments from the Taubman Company under the consent judgment will end in 2011. There being no further comment regarding the proposed budget, Mayor McNew closed the Public Hearing. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Budget for 2010-2011. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McNew opened discussion of the appointment of a person to fill out the term of Bill Lembke on the City Council. The Ordinances do not speak to a process of selection. If the remaining Councilmembers are deadlocked, a Special Election would have to be called. Councilmember Storrie moved to allow ten minutes for discussion and then call for a vote. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion focused on six residents who had expressed interest in serving the City on the Council. It was hoped that the position could be filled by appointment rather than having to call an election. At the close of the discussion period, Councilmember Cabot nominated Chuck Poploskie. Councilmember Storrie seconded the nomination. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Storrie, nay; Dr. Haines, aye; Dr. Cabot, aye; Mrs. McNew, aye. Chuck Poploskie was appointed to the Council and sworn in.

As Mr. Lembke also had served as Mayor Pro-tem, Councilmember Haines nominated Karl Storrie to serve in that position. Councilmember Cabot seconded the nomination. His election was unanimous.
Signage Ordinance: Councilmember Haines provided the Waterford ordinance regarding signage. As copies were not available to all, Councilmember Haines will forward copies before the next meeting. Councilmember Storrie indicated that the RCOC does not have a ruling on signage. Most felt that signage on the Berm would be a distraction. Dr. Cabot felt that there should be no signs placed on City property. Councilmember Haines moved that a temporary signage ordinance be adopted that indicates no signs may be placed that are more than 6’ square, may not be placed on City property; placed no earlier than 30 days prior to an election; and must be removed within 7 days of the election. Motion seconded by Karl Storrie. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerks report: Regarding the reprinting of the Blue Book (1st history book written by City Clerk, Robert Hodge): Harlow Press, which printed the Red Book, has not been helpful in the reprint of the Blue Book. As the new history project is moving toward publishing at some time in the not too distant future, it may be to the City’s advantage to reprint the Blue Book at the same time and with the same publisher.

Comments from Residents:
Heidi Hoyles commented on the dumping along Gallogly Road. Chief Prosser indicated that the County will clean it up. Brad Rachwal offered to call the County to ask that it be done. Chris Cortez inquired about the use of City Hall. She also asked that the drinking fountain at the tennis courts be turned on.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, reviewed the Department’s Activity Report for the month of May. He inquired about maintenance on the generator at the Police Station. Bill Lembke’s files will be acquired to determine whether there is a contract and who should perform maintenance. The Chief reviewed police coverage for the Fourth of July.

A report from the History Committee was reviewed. The Clerk will be helping the Committee to access minutes, ordinance upgrades and other helpful information from 1976 to the present.

Building and Permits: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, reported that Mr. Greenlee removed the retaining walls on his property the day before the hearing. He intends to plant bushes at the location. There have been some issues with silt fences and erosion on the Incarnati property. It has been quiet on the site. Doug Derocher passed away two months ago. The builder has been responsive. There has been an application for a demolition permit on Private Drive.

City Property: There is $1200 available to spend on the Barn repairs by June 30th. Bob Bailey will continue work on the 20 Ft. Strip. Karl Storrie discussed road naming with Dick Lund. He will draft a letter under his signature to RCOC to advise them of errors and make corrections where necessary. Jon Cabot reported on progress on the tennis courts. The fencing will be repaired where needed and replaced and landscaping will be done where needed.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, gave her report. She reviewed the warrants for the month, the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheets. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting warrants over $500. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#16432 to Courtsmiths for $1200
#16451 to Instant Marine for $739.80
Mrs. Frakes will issue Summer Tax bills on or about July 1st. She noted that both school districts have raised taxes; Waterford by 40% and Pontiac by 18%.

Roads: There is $149,000 available through tri-party funding, one-third of which for Lake Angelus. Supergravel would cost $15,000 or less. Auburn Hills is reluctant to spend money for graveling because it wants to pave North Lake Angelus Road. If graveling is done, the City may have to pay for the Auburn Hills portion. Councilmember Storrie is not convinced that supergravel is needed. He will discuss this with RCOC.

Attorney Christ discussed a cost recovery ordinance for various types of lawless action. Although the police department writes few citations, it could be used in certain cases. Councilmember Haines moved to have Attorney Christ prepare a Cost Recovery Ordinance. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The issue of providing the capability of conference calling for Council meetings was dropped by Councilmember Storrie as the City Hall does not presently have a phone line.

Kim Russell introduced herself and spoke about her candidacy for the State Senate. She is interested in bringing business to the area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 13, 2010 at 7 pm.

Approved: 
Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk