LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2014

Present: Mayor, Patrick McNew; Councilmembers Chuck Poploskie, Dennis Mitchell, Jon Cabot and Dan Jenaras; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney, Dan Christ; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Building Official, Brian Oppmann, Clerk, Rosalie Lake
Visitors: Officer, Don McLellan

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of November 11 were approved as submitted; warrants will be added before publication. Comments from Residents: Chief Prosser will check out the deer blind observed by Linda Daniels. The visibility of the police car has been appreciated.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report. He had met with a representative from MMRMA and discussed all of the functioning of the Police Department. They reviewed potential grants for in-car cameras, policies for the station, care for Alzheimer’s patients and situations of sexual harassment. A new police car has been ordered. There may be grant money for training of Reserve Officers attending the Police Academy.

Clerk, Rosalie Lake, presented for approval the NoHaz agreement with Oakland County for 2015. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the NoHaz agreement and provide up to $1100 to support the projected 2015 fees. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk indicated that the Terms of Service for some members on the Planning Commission, Board of Review and Environmental Board and the Road Commissioner would expire on December 31st. The Chairs of these units will be asked to contact those members whose terms are expiring and present a slate of members for approval/reapproval at the January Council meeting. Councilmember Cabot moved to reappoint Karl Storrie as Road Commissioner for 2015. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk noted an article in the Municipal League magazine regarding the residency of clerk/treasurer appointees. Attorney Christ responded that the Public Act regarding residency supersedes the City Charter and that the Charter needs to be consistent with State law. The Clerk expressed concerns about the work of IGD on the City’s website as there have been many errors that have needed correction by her or by the website manager, Jim Cortez. Mr. Cortez and Dr. Cabot will discuss the performance of IGD.

Building and Permits: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, reported that the Planning Commission will meet on December 16th to review plans for the Shea’s garage on Private Drive. He has not heard of other projects needing approval in January. Jim Cortez is checking on the capacity of the bridge to the Island to plan for the demolition of his two houses there. The deed needs to be recorded for the property line adjustment between the Wegrzyns and Siwiecs and escrow needs support for the Wegrzyn project. Floodplain maps are on the County website. Any parcel on the Lake can be reviewed.
Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports for the month of November. She reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss. The target this month was 41.7% of the budget and the actual was 38.5%. All departments are in line with their budgets. Mrs. Frakes reviewed the notable warrants for the month. Commissioner Cabot moved to approve the financial reports, noting those warrants over $500. Commissioner Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#19706 to Code Enforcement for $1470  #19711 to Hafeli Staran Christ for $1829.88  
#19712 to Voyager Fleet for $586.28  #19714 to Janz and Knight for $7080  
#19718 to Code Enforcement for $680  #19736 to MMRMA for $5769.50  
#19737 to Code Enforcement for $9000  #19741 to Linda Burton for $1125

Mrs. Frakes indicated that a CD was maturing. After researching options, she suggested reinvesting at The Private Bank for 18 months at .7%. Councilmember Poploskie moved to approve the investment. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes reported four parcels unpaid for Summer Taxes and about 20% already paid for Winter Taxes. She indicated that the Workman’s Comp Audit had gotten information needed from the Accident Fund. A Holiday gift for Chief Prosser was discussed. Councilmember Jenaras moved to provide $250 for the gift. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Documents required by the State have been published on the website.

Kim Thompson has requested funds provided by the City for the Halloween party. Councilmember Cabot moved to provide up to $250 for the Halloween party. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion of the fireworks budget ensued, focused on increasing that budget to make the amount for the display predictable each year. Councilmember Cabot moved to provide an $11,000 budget expenditure for fireworks to be in line with what the City has previously provided and the amount collected from participating individuals, thus eliminating a request for donations. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roads: Karl Storrie reported that the work on Baldwin and Joslyn Roads is done. Yea! Problems continue at the intersection of Lake Angelus Lane and North Lake Angelus Road. Mr. Storrie felt that, as a final solution, something would have to be done with the first 15’-20’ of the Lane…perhaps a paved area maintained by RCOC. Councilmember Jenaras indicated that when North Lake Angelus Road is graveled, the height of the road is raised. At that time, leveling needs to be done in the area of the Lane. He felt that the solution was to grade the road down so that it will drain on the other side of the Lane. Mr. Storrie suggested that it is a problem with ice forming in the winter, and that eventually the level of the road will go down with continual grading.

Environmental Board: The contract with Jennifer of Restorative Sciences was discussed. Jennifer could oversee the herbiciding process only for $3200; or she could contract for long term oversight of the health of the Lake for $7000 plus $4400 for sediment testing. The total long term oversight would cost $11,400. Jim Hibbard felt that these prices were industry compatible. The only permit needed is for herbiciding. The contract for herbiciding was $67,000 last year. It may be less this year if less area needs to be treated. Environmental Board Chair, Lee Embrey needs to get a Board meeting together. The herbiciding should be done earlier this year, when the water temperature is 55 degrees. The day of the week that the application is done will not be an issue if it is done earlier. Bob Bailey felt that the Council had
the ability to approve the permit, as the program was a three-year one. Dennis Mitchell noted that Jim Hibbard and Bob Bailey have been invaluable resources for the herbiciding program. The presentation on fragmites has been pushed back. A grant program from the State was proposed but the time line was too short to determine whether the City should become involved with the program. Fragmites control needs to begin at the Environmental Board level where the presentation would be most valuable. Mayor McNew expressed his view of caution in accepting funds from the State.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 13, 2015 at 7 PM.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk