MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Present: Mayor, Patrick McNew; Councilmembers Jon Cabot, Dan Jenaras and Dennis Mitchell; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney, Dan Christ; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Environmental Board Chair, Jim Hibbard; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Absent: Councilmember Chuck Poploskie
Visitor: Officer, Don McLellan

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2015 were approved as corrected. Deputy Clerk, Linda Daniels was thanked for recording them in the Clerk’s absence.

Comments from Residents: Mayor McNew consulted with Waterford Fire Department personnel and they felt that the Island Bridge on the Shores Road was safe for their fire trucks which can weigh between 40,000-45,000 lbs. when fully loaded. The Mayor reported that citizens are happy to have the Police vehicle visible again, although large snow piles and narrower roads restrict the areas where it may be placed.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, reviewed the Department report. A conversation about medical alert systems ensued as a resident had been injured and had been unable to access the alert device. An agreement with Oakland County for dispatch services from 2015 to 2018 had been received and was referred to Attorney Christ for review. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign it, as required, pending Mr. Christ’s review. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Prosser indicated that the new police vehicle will be in service soon.

Building and Permits: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, indicated that there would be a Planning Commission meeting on February 24th to review modest revisions to the Cortez’s plans. This is the only new project at this time. There was discussion of the Exterior Lighting Control Ordinance. Enforcement is complaint driven. It was determined to put the text of the ordinance in the Angelus this month. Potential seawall work at the Greenlee’s was discussed. If it is new work, it will have to come to the Planning Commission. If it is repair work, it will not. The variance for the Gitter property has expired. Approval will need to be sought again for a permit to be issued.

Clerk’s Report: Clerk Lake presented a Resolution, on behalf of Linda Daniels, allowing Mrs. Daniels to apply for the permit required for goose control and contract Goose Busters to carry out the nest destruction, as has been done in the past. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk noted that there will be a statewide Election on May 5 on a proposal for road funding. Communities and School Districts may also place items on the May ballot.
Petitions for those wishing to run for election to the City Council in November 2015 must be submitted by July 21st. This is an earlier date than previously, because military and overseas absentee ballots must now be provided six weeks before the election date to ensure a timely return.
The Board of Review will meet on March 11th and 14th. Appropriate notice will be made. Assessor, Linda Burton will be requested to attend the April Council meeting to report on these meetings and also on the process of reappraisal undertaken last year.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports for January. The Balance Sheet is up $150,000 from last year. The LGIP rate this month is .9461%. The building deposit account is much larger this year than last due to the larger escrows required for bigger construction projects. This months Profit and Loss target was 58.3%; the actual was 54.0%. A conclusion with the Accident Fund was reached. The City was charged $100, instead of the approximately $3000, for subcontractors that did not have Worker’s Compensation insurance certificates after completed Determination of Worker Status forms for the subcontractors were submitted.
Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Financial Reports, noting those warrants above $500. Seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

#19819 to Waterford Fire Dept for $52,500
#19840 to Hafeli, Staran, for $1359.15
#19843 to OC Clemis for $547
#19858 to Code Enforce. for $1385
#19868 to OC Sheriff for $1875
#19875 to Soft Line Wash for $600

There are presently 18 parcels with unpaid Winter taxes. A reminder letter will go out February 11th for the February 14th deadline.

All updated and signed building inspector contracts have been received.
Flagstar Bank offered .6% for CD renewal for 12 months for the CD maturing on February 18th.
The Water Resources Commission provided the City with an opportunity to approve prepayment of the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain Assessment. The Lake Angelus portion is 0.0359% or $3,590. This amount may also be paid over 20 years with interest of 2.5% beginning October 1, 2015. After discussion, Councilmember Cabot moved to pay the Assessment over the 20 year period and not to prepay the amount. Seconded by Councilmember Jenaras. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes presented an invoice from Bob Bailey for $1150 for repairing Ginny Leever’s garage after it was damaged by a Police vehicle. As the amount was over $1000, it required the Mayor’s approval at the time. Councilmember Cabot will submit the amount to the insurance company. He moved to pay Bob Bailey up to $1150 for the repair of the garage or less depending on MMRMA coverage. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The amount will be charged to LAPD repairs. Mrs. Frakes reminded everyone that budget planning sheets will be distributed next month.

Environmental Board: Dennis Mitchell, Council Liaison to the Environmental Board, introduced Jim Hibbard as the newly elected Chair of the Environmental Board. Mr. Hibbard indicated that a meeting will be scheduled soon. A discussion ensued regarding noise created by generators. Attorney Christ indicated that some remedy could be incorporated into the zoning ordinances. Mr. Mitchell noted that the contract for Aqua
Weed has already been approved. The contract for Restorative Lake Sciences required discussion of a long-term environmental plan requiring more comprehensive oversight and sampling. The Environmental Board recommends approval of this plan at a cost of $11,400. Treasurer Frakes indicated that there is $67,000 in the budget for weed control and $3500 for quality assurance of the weed program earmarked for Restorative Lake Sciences. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the expanded contract with Restorative Lake Sciences for $11,400. Councilmember Mitchell seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mitchell wished to acknowledge the time and effort that Mr. Hibbard has put into the weed control issue. In response to Dr. Jenaras’ question about the unknowns related to weed control, Mr. Hibbard spoke to what is known and what is hoped to be learned in the future. There are more questions than answers at this time. Dr. Cabot noted that there will be a ripple effect whatever is done, even if nothing is done. Over the three-year period of the weed control project, there is room for decision making. Mr. Mitchell pointed out that Lake Angelus is the only lake that is looking at the immediate results and the future results to the extent that is being done through the Restorative Lake Sciences program of long-term tracking.

The Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program, under the guidance of Linda Daniels, will provide water quality testing with an expanded group of volunteers this season. So far, results have been good.

Fireworks: The launch site used last year for the barge will not be used this year. The public launch site may need to be considered.

Insurance: Councilmember Cabot will look into insurance for the accident at the Leever garage. He will also inquire about bond coverage for the Clerk’s Notary Commission.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Councilmember Mitchell seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 10, 2015 at 7 PM.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk