Present: Mayor, Patrick McNew; Councilmembers Chuck Poploskie, Jon Cabot, Dennis Mitchell, Dan Jeneras; Attorney, Dan Christ; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Visitors: Jim Howlett, Heidi Hoyles, Jim Cortez

Mayor McNew opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Resident Comments: Jim Cortez suggested having a meeting with the new Waterford Regional Fire Chief and request that he bring the Annual Fire Report for 2014. Mayor McNew noted that Jeff Baker had proposed that N. Lake Angelus Road be designated a natural beauty road to try to deal with the speed limit issue and had agreed to research the idea. Mr. Baker concluded that the designation of the road would not have any affect on the speed limit. He thought that perhaps the natural beauty concept might be more successful on Gallogly than on N. Lake Angelus, but also thinks it is a stretch at all. Jim Howlett indicated that past efforts had been unsuccessful. He also noted that bills have been introduced in the legislature regarding local control of speed limits, but none have been successful. He felt that these efforts need support. Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie, spoke about the terrible abuse of the gravel roads because of the high speed limits. 50 mph on those roads could be considered reckless driving. Dan Jeneras noted that when grading is done and chloriding immediately follows, the road is in very good condition. Mr. Storrie added that N. Lake Angelus is 2.4 miles long from Baldwin to Clintonville. He felt it should be paved.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, reviewed the Department activity report for the month of May. He patrols Gray Wood Lane constantly. There is better management of construction truck deliveries. There was discussion about boat inspections and stickers. Councilmember Cabot felt that inspections should be aggressively conducted or not done at all. The Chief felt that the Reserve Officers could do the inspections. The Council felt that it should be done for every boat. Mr. Storrie suggested leaving a note at their dock on boats without stickers. Dr. Cabot summarized that the Reserves should be directed to approach every boat. Chief Prosser will note in the ‘Angelus’ that the Council has requested the inspections and that, if items are missing, the officers can return and inspect again. The new police vehicle will be coming next week. An invoice for the equipment for the new car will be obtained before June 30th.

Building Official, Brian Oppmann, reported that the revision of Forrest Milzow’s site plan was approved by the Planning Commission at a meeting earlier that evening. Mr. Oppmann had also received landscape plans for the Greenlee property that included the
boathouse revision. The plans are complicated and will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on June 30th.

Clerk, Rosalie Lake, reported on the Accessibility Study of City Hall related to the ADA act and presented the photos taken and the evaluation done by the ADA representative. There was appreciation by the evaluator of the historic nature and significance of the City Hall and also of the efforts of the Elections staff to find ways to serve disabled persons at our precinct at City Hall. The City needs to make minor changes to satisfy the evaluation and be considered compliant.

Two NoHaz events have occurred at which Mike Daniels and Rosalie Lake represented Lake Angelus. We have had good participation with residents combining carloads to save cost to the City. There will be another three events in the fall, the first on August 22nd.

Website issues included an error in the calendar that would be expensive to repair. It was determined to delete the calendar. The question of publishing the current budget or publishing cumulative budgets was resolved by determining to publish what is actually required, but nothing more.

Attorney Christ had provided a Freedom of Information Act Procedures and Guidelines for the City to consider for required publication on the website. Clerk Lake will attend a seminar on the new FOIA regulations. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Procedures and Guidelines prepared by Mr. Christ, with revisions to follow if necessary. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Updated Council job descriptions with contact lists should be submitted by the next meeting.

Sinking Bridge Drain and Collier Road Development: Attorney Christ reported that a FOIA request was sent to the Water Resources Commission, Auburn Hills and the Road Commission. WRC had information on the study of 2008 which noted issues in the area, suggesting a review, to determine what was causing flooding in the area. Mayor McNew contacted Sue Coffee who identified people in the WRC office who could be helpful. Information was sent to Randall Ford of Hubble, Roth and Clark. An engineer’s opinion is critical to determine the level of flow. Flow from east to west is now and would be increasing harmful to Lake Angelus. Dr. Jenaras indicated that the water level is below the edge of the bottom of the drain on the west side. Mr. Christ noted that the missing piece is whether additional run-off could affect the flow from east to west and affect property owned by Lake Angelus west of the drain. It was thought to press Randall Ford to make an evaluation or find someone else to do it; get a meeting with the Water Resources Commission; then meet with the DEQ as they will grant the wetlands permits. Mayor McNew will call Randall Ford and Dr. Jenaras will be involved.

Jim Howlett noted that the drain is not just a drain, but part of a larger wetlands system. If the developer plans to fill in any part of the wetlands, that needs to be known.

Someone needs to find out what that plan is. The wetlands cannot be mitigated because it is part of the whole Sinking Bridge Drain. Mr. Christ indicated that the developer is not necessarily filling in wetlands, but reducing the buffer area around them. He will contact the DEQ. Brian Oppmann indicated that it takes a couple of months to get permits to do anything. The site plan will have to meet all design standards. He felt that Randy Ford is highly qualified and HRC has experts in every line of this kind of evaluation.
Planning Commission and City Property: Councilmember Poploskie reported that the Planning Commission approved Forrest Milzow’s site plan at the meeting on June 9th. Three dead trees were removed from City property around City Hall. Starr Foster is consulting on tree renewal. Fence repair is done along Baldwin. Much work is planned for the tennis court area; the fence has been repaired, weeding has been done, a toolrack and backboard have been built, rollers have been replaced. Tree trimming and mulch is yet to come. Treasurer Frakes asked for as many invoices as possible before June 30th. Repairs need to be made to the dam. Mr. Poploskie will consult with Ken Zemke.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports for the month of May. She indicated that all accounts are in line with the approved budget revisions. The Profit and Loss Sheet showed a target of 91.7% and the actual at 80.9%. The balance due on the fireworks of $9000 will be written before June 30th. The Balance Sheet shows $111,000 more than last year, but this is without the weed treatment. Two CDs will mature soon. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#20077 to Billington Services for $950  #20080 to Bob Bailey for $700
#20082 to Code Enforcement for $1470  #20086 to HafeliStaran, for $1617.72
#20087 to Bob Bailey for $500  #20109 to OC Sheriff for $1968.67

Mr. Frakes reported that the millage rates have gone down for Oakland County, Oakland Schools etc, but property values have gone up. She had not received the rates for Pontiac Schools yet, but Waterford is the same as before. Dr. Cabot noted that the City will receive a rebate of $18,000 from insurance and felt that the City’s tax rate could be lowered further. There is also a reduction in the weed treatment cost of $51,000. Mr. McNew felt that money needed to be reserved for weed treatment as there are unknowns about what will be needed. Dr. Cabot thought that money may be needed for an engineering study and that nothing committed the city to using the money only for weed treatment. Mrs. Frakes reminded that the City is not in the revenue generating business. She noted that there is $130,000 in the budget to treat weeds and the City will not spend that much.

Mayor McNew opened the Public Hearing on the 2015/2016 Budget proposal. There were no public comments. Mr. McNew closed the Hearing.

Mrs. Frakes suggested going back to the Balance Sheet to review the accounts that are not appropriated for anything in the budget. The tax rate on the Sheet is 10.45. A tax rate of 10.2 will reduce the budget by $70,000 ($51,000 for weeds and $18,389 for the insurance rebate). Dr. Cabot acknowledged that there are surplus funds and suggested that the budget be balanced at a tax rate of 10.2. Mrs. Frakes noted that it is a reduction in mills but that the property values have gone up. Mr. McNew felt the original tax rate was appropriate as the weed study is not complete and the costs of an engineering study are unknown. Dr. Jenaras noted that the message to residents in raising the millage rate was for weed control. Mr. Poploskie suggested turning the $50,000 extra weed money back to reduce the millage and retain the $18,000 from the insurance rebate. After some further discussion, Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the presented budget with a tax rate of 10.45. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Environmental Board: Dennis Mitchell reported that the weed application went very well. All of the spots that were mapped were treated. Jennifer of Restorative Lake Sciences oversaw the procedure. Her report will not be complete until September or October. Jennifer will be testing the water on June 12th with results expected on Wednesday of the following week.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 9 PM. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 14, 2015 at 7 PM.

Approved:                      Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor               Rosalie Lake, Clerk