LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2015

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; Deputy Clerk, Linda Daniels

Absent: Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Visitors: Officer, Don McLellan

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2014 were approved as corrected.

Comments from Residents: Chief Prosser found the tree blind as observed by Linda Daniels. Mayor McNew asked Chief Prosser to remove the blind. The blind was removed; the owner has picked up the blind, and has agreed not to hunt there again. Attorney Christ will send information for the Mayor to provide to the owner of the tree blind. Mrs. Cortez approached Mayor McNew regarding weight capacity of the Shores Road bridge. The Cortez’s will be removing two houses from the Shores Road island, and are worried about whether the bridge will hold up with large trucks with heavy loads going over it. Bob Bailey shared that he has spoken to TEC regarding weight restrictions for the bridge and was told that the bridge can withstand the weight. However, the weight limit should be limited to 10 yards, to be safe. Mayor McNew went to see the clear cutting done by DTE off Kensington Rd. in Bloomfield Hills, the effects of which are quite devastating. Attorney Christ will contact the public affairs representative at DTE to discuss prevention of clear cutting along Lake Angelus City roads. Chief Prosser discontinued the City police vehicle presence around the city due to recent reports of vandalism to police vehicles, policeperson’s personal vehicles, as well as threats to policepersons throughout the country. He hopes to resume police vehicle presence as soon as possible. A resident reported that the water behind City Hall is high and is concerned about the drain there. Councilmember Jenaras has visited the drain and has found it to be ½ full, with no debris occluding it. It appeared to be functioning well. Mayor McNew addressed the comment from a resident regarding the importance of the Chair or a representative of the Environmental Board being present at every City Council meeting and that the ordinances state that the Board is to meet 4 times per year. It was reported by Bob Bailey, a member of the Environmental Board (EB), that, at the last EB meeting, Chair Embrey mentioned that he would like to step down as Chair in 2015. Mr. Bailey shared that Jim Hibbard, another EB member, has offered to take on the position. The EB will hold a meeting to vote on a new chair. There have been continued positive comments on the condition of the city roads.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report. The new City police car should be here by the end of the month. A grant has been filed with MMRMA for
new cameras. Officer McClellan conveyed gratitude for the holiday gifts to the Police Department officers.

Building and Permits: Building Official, Brian Oppmann indicated that the Wegrzyn and Shea project are on hold until spring. The Greenlee project is moving slowly due to weather. Escrow support has been received for the Wegrzyn project. Mr. Oppmann will send inspector contracts to Treasurer Frakes. There are no site plans for the next meeting and no new building plans to report.

Deputy Clerk, Linda Daniels presented the 2015 Terms of Service for the Planning Commission, the Environmental Board and the Board of Review. All members whose terms expired on December 31, 2014 have agreed to continue to serve. Councilmember Cabot moved to accept the 2015 slate for Terms of Service for the Planning Commission, Environmental Board and Board of Review as presented. The reappointed members are: Bob Bailey and Heidi Hoyles for the Planning Commission; Anne Toni Cusmano, David Powell and John Schimpke for the Environmental Board; Lee Embrey III for the Board of Review. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Report: Chuck Poploskie and Bob Bailey reported that a Planning Commission meeting was held on December 16, 2014. At this meeting the Shea project was approved contingent upon the site plan review application being filed. There will be no meeting in January.

Treasurer’s Report: Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports for the month of December, also being the end of the quarter. She reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss. The target this month was 50% of the budget and the actual was 42.7%. All departments are in line with their budgets. Mrs. Frakes reviewed the notable warrants for the month. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#19766 to Billington Services for $810 #19767 to Billington Services for $950 
#19768 to Hubble Roth Clark for $660.24 #19771 to Hafeli Staran for $1160.25 
#19769 to Patrick McNew for $1600 #19772 to James Prosser for $630.30 
#19774 to Voyager Fleet for $583.49 #19799 to OC Sheriff for $1875

Mrs. Frakes reported that all quarterly and end of year reports have been submitted and indicated that there is a CD maturing in February. She will bring reinvestment rates to the February meeting. Mrs. Frakes reported that there are 3 outstanding summer property taxes uncollected and 73% of the winter property taxes have been collected. A resident is facing impending foreclosure for back taxes due since 2012. Concern was expressed for what will be done with this property if it goes to auction. The updated unemployment insurance rate for 2015 is .78, which is less than half of last year’s 1.82. A letter from the Clinton River Watershed was received requesting continued membership. The membership is a yearly $500. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the $500 expense to continue our membership in the Clinton River Watershed. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried
unanimously. Mrs. Frakes reported that the Accident Fund accepted the Determination of Worker's Status forms she submitted for the contractors. The invoice is being revised to reflect the deductions.

Mrs. Frakes began discussion regarding the Auburn Hills Public Notice of Road “Vacation”, a term used by municipalities to define the abandonment or termination of a public’s right to use a street, highway or easement. The property affected is across Baldwin Road from Old Baldwin and involves vacating a “paper” road originally envisioned in a 1927 plat that was never built and would never be built today as it is too close to the intersection of Collier Road and Baldwin for today’s traffic safety standards. Attorney Christ suspected that 50% of the right of way will go to each property abiding property owner. Auburn Hills would retain an easement for utilities. These plans will most likely not affect the City, but attention should be paid to how they proceed.

Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie had no new information to report. There have been continued positive comments on the condition of the City roads. Councilmembers Poploskie and Jenaras expressed concern for the inadequate draining of the Lake Angelus Lane and Clintonville Road drain. Mr. Storrie will speak with the RCOC again.

Environmental Board: Councilmember and Environmental Board Liaison, Dennis Mitchell, presented the contract from Restorative Lake Services to provide a long-term lake management plan. The Environmental Board will hold a meeting to vote on recommending the contract to Council. The contract has also been given to Attorney Christ for review. The contract will be brought back to the February City Council meeting. Mr. Mitchell also presented the 2015 herbicide contract from AquaWeed that was approved at the last Environmental Board meeting. Renovate OTF is the herbicide suggested by AquaWeed. The cost would be $498/acre, up from $490/acre last year. The contract stipulates that up to 132 acres be treated. If over 100 acres is treated, a 5% discount is applied. AquaWeed will apply for the permit. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve signing of the contract for herbiciding for 2015 with AquaWeed for not more than $70,000. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Drain: Dan Jenaras reported a manhole/drain on Lake Angelus Lane that has been there for years. He is not sure if it is functioning and whether it flows to Lake Angelus or Mohawk Lake. He will do more research on this.

Legal: Dan Christ reported that there has been an understanding made between the two parties involved in the dog bite incident.

Bob Bailey commented on the use of bubblers around the lake. He is concerned about the safety of residents since use of them causes unsafe ice conditions.
There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 9, 2015 at 7PM.

Approved: Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Linda Daniels, Deputy Clerk