LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 8 2014

Present: Mayor, Patrick McNew; Councilmembers Jon Cabot, Dan Jenaras, Chuck Poploskie; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney Dan Christ; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Planning Commission Chair, Bob Bailey; Clerk Rosalie Lake

Absent: Councilmember, Dennis Mitchell

Visitors: Lisa Wheeler, Jim Howlett, Officer Don McLellan

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2014 were approved as corrected.

Comments from Residents (relayed to the Mayor):
Complaints have been made regarding behavior of young people at the Wheeler residence. Lisa Wheeler attended the meeting and asked to be contacted by the LAPD about any problems. She indicated that she would deal with anything that she learns about. She is getting used to her new house and has purchased a new boat. She has sold the older yellow one. There were also concerns about what appeared to be the pumping of dirt and replacing with sand occurring at the shoreline. Ms. Wheeler said there were old dock pieces in the water. They tried to blow sand off the material in the water to remove it and then fill in the holes. They moved rocks back to the seawall to make a volleyball area, but they did not change the shoreline. Ms. Wheeler has a landscape architect looking at the property.

Lee Embrey has eliminated the advertising regarding live-in quarters on the Knight property.

Brian Oppmann has met with the Incarnatis regarding drainage to the Lake.

Appreciation was expressed to Chuck Poploskie and all the workers for the Berm clean-up.

Chief Prosser will attend to the trash issue at the Gatmaitan residence.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report for the month of June. The Lake level is 950.1. On June 18th a power surge destroyed Oakland County’s equipment at the Police Station. The County has repaired it at no cost to the City. New video security equipment has been purchased for the outside of the Station. The Chief described an Oakland County Sheriff’s Department active shooter seminar for non-police personnel. Treasurer Frakes, in preparing for the audit, requested the removal of equipment no longer in use from the list of the City’s assets. Officer Don McLellan reported gutter problems at the Station. Mr. Poploskie will attend to it.

Building and Permits: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, reported that the Planning Commission approved Diane Latshaw’s renovation plan. New plans have been submitted. Joe Wegrzyn and Ray Siwiec presented an idea for moving the property line to accommodate the Wegrzyn’s construction of a second story. When site plans are submitted, Mr. Oppmann will review them. What they propose is not a land division, but a boundary adjustment. Mr. Oppmann will investigate whether the lots are conforming. It may be a possible solution. The question arose as to how to enforce the ordinances in the case of a violation. Mr. Oppmann indicated that, in some communities, he is sworn in as a code enforcement officer. Attorney Christ noted that the ordinance says that the Mayor, a member of the Police Department or the Building Official can initiate a citation. If work is not done when and as required, the City
Councilmember Jenaras suggested that the City may need a larger performance bond to protect the City in case of a violation that necessitates court action. Bob Bailey added that the City may need a completion bond also to ensure that the City is not left with partial, deserted construction. Mr. Christ will study the issue and recommend potential language. Mr. Oppmann noted the need to have clear processes outlined in the ordinances. Treasurer Frakes indicated that the Building Department is in the red for the year by over $900. She felt the City should have a written agreement regarding the increase in the monthly Building Department fee and the per hour increase for inspectors. Mr. Oppmann will attend to this.

Clerk Lake reported that the election preparations were in full swing. She will attend an Oakland County Clerk’s meeting with Secretary of State Ruth Johnson this week and has participated in training in Lansing. The Public Accuracy test and Oakland County mock election will occur on July 22nd and Election Inspector training on July 23rd. Mayor McNew and Ms. Lake had met that morning with Cheryl Hudson, the MDOT Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan coordinator, to sign the final documents and learn about implementation. The Plan is required to be placed on the City’s website.

Treasurer Frakes presented the financial reports for the month of June, the last of the fiscal year. She reviewed an unusual number of warrants due to the close of the fiscal year. The Profit and Loss target was expected to be at 100% and the actual was 96.9%. $70,000 was used from prior year funds this year. The final Balance sheet was $12,000 behind last year. Mrs. Frakes reviewed all of the year-end Fund reports. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer tax bills will go out the first of July. Road Commissioner Storrie got two out of three road projects done. The third one did not have to be invoiced by June 30th. Two CDs are maturing for a total of $250,000. It may be a good idea to set up a LGIP through Oakland County account for a portion of the funds. There is over $250,000 in LGIP already. It was agreed that $50,000 would be invested at Flagstar Bank, $85,000 at the Private Bank, and the balance to PNC.

The annual audit is underway. Janz and Knight wants the materials by August 1st. The Michigan Municipal League requested $362 in dues for 2014/15. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the dues. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Frakes will circulate a Conflict of Interest Policy from 1995. Ms. Lake will get a letter out to the two property owners on either side of the 20foot Strip at Walton Blvd.
Mrs. Frakes requested $160 to purchase a lightly used laptop from her school. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the purchase. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roads: Mayor McNew read a report from Commissioner Storrie which included scheduling of road chloriding and timetables for road construction on Joslyn and Baldwin.

Environmental Board: Councilmember Mitchell was commended for his communication on and managing of the herbicide project. Residents are beginning to see a change in the weed level.

Drains: Councilmember Jenaras reported that the drainage at the intersection of Lake Angelus Lane and North Lake Angelus Road is better, but not perfect yet.

Fireworks: The display was a big success. Kudos go to Dennis Mitchell for arranging it and thanks go to those who made a donation to enhance the display.

Insurance: MMRMA is making a net asset distribution of $14,525.

Gary Baum and Don Clapham are meeting with Waterford in a fact finding effort related to the Shores Road Sewer Project. They project having a meeting in August. Councilmember Jenaras questioned whether, if a septic system is failing, the City shares responsibility in knowing of the potential for this to happen. Attorney Christ knew of a case regarding this responsibility. He will try to provide materials on it for the Council.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 12, 2014 at 7PM.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk