LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 12, 2016

Present: Mayor, Patrick McNew; Councilmembers Rich Altherr, Dan Jenaras, Joe Hilger and Dennis Mitchell; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Building Official, John Jackson; Attorney, Gerald Fisher; Planning Commission Chair, Bob Bailey; Environmental Board Chair, Jim Hibbard, Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Absent: Police Chief, Jim Prosser

Visitors: Waterford Fire Chief, John Lyman, Officer, Don McLellan, Jim Howlett, Gretchen Adler, Michele Drake, Jay Hibbard, Brad Hibbard, Jim Cortez Dick Lund

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Waterford Fire Chief, John Lyman presented his Department’s Annual Report to Mayor McNew and presented highlights from the report to those assembled. The Department has 96 firefighters now, down from 144 last year. A grant was not renewed that provided for 40+ members of the Department. Station #4 in Waterford was closed and a station was reopened in Pontiac. The grant is being sought again along with other grants that have provided jaws-of-life, opiate drug overdose response, air packs, and computer tablets. Chief Lyman described some of the programs of the Department, awards received by the Department and numerous public events covered by the Department. 11,400 calls were received last year. Lake Angelus is served on the South and East by Station #6 and on the North and West by Station #2. Response time for Lake Angelus averages 7 minutes, 13 seconds. There are 8 fire departments in Oakland County. Together they partnership for mutual aid. Chief Lyman was thanked for his presentation.

Officer Don McLellan gave the Police Department report for the month of June.

Resident Comments: A question has arisen regarding whether/how the Gatmaitan property (former Fisher estate), 2455 N. Lake Angelus Road, may be able to be split. Mr. Mitchell, the Drakes and Jaegers were all thanked for facilitating the Fireworks. Mayor McNew has contacted Rep. Brad Jacobson about speed limits on gravel roads. Rich Altherr described a dangerous tree on City property along the Shores Road. All agreed it needed to come down. Mr. Altherr estimated $2100 for removal. Councilmember Mitchell moved to provide up to $2100 for this purpose. Councilmember Hilger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Michele Drake inquired about approval for signage on private property. She was referred to the Shores Association.

A resident inquired about creating a beach area on their property. Sand cannot be put into the Lake as that is the jurisdiction of the DEQ. Discussion ensued on allowing the creation of a sandy area above the high water mark.
The Keoleian seawall project, 555 Gray Woods Lane, was approved before the Lakeshore Preservation Ordinance was enacted. The project was started within one year of the issuance of the permit.

Building and Permits: Mayor McNew introduced John Jackson with congratulations on his becoming the new owner of McKenna Associates. Mr. Jackson reviewed various projects:
- The Taube project is done.
- The Parloves are in the permitting stage.
- The Johnson’s on Gray Woods submitted an acceptable site plan for the patio.
- The Johnsons on N. Lake Angelus Road need to submit a landscape plan. The pool is proceeding well. They are thinking about a berm along N. Lake Angelus Rd.
- A meeting was held with the Greenlees et al on June 15. They need to supply a complete plan. Activity was stopped as they are not allowed to do anything without administrative or Planning Commission approval.

Projects that are underway are the Tierney’s and the Cortez’s on Lake Angelus Shores and the Prokopp’s and Keoleian’s on Gray Woods Lane. Mr. Milzow wishes to replace a retaining wall on his property and put a stairway to the Lake. There was discussion about what to do about the placement of transformers. Mr. Jackson indicated that most communities place them along property lines where poles are placed. A Planning Commission will be held on August 4th, if there is a quorum of members. Councilmember Mitchell moved to extend the meeting by 45 minutes. Councilmember Hilger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McNew read a letter from Rosalie Lake indicating her retirement as City Clerk as of December 31, 2016. It is hoped that an appointment can be made soon so that a new Clerk can work with Ms. Lake through this election cycle.

Website: Mr. Altherr asked for volunteers for a committee to recreate the website. He hopes to have a final design done by September.

Sinking Bridge Drain: Mr. Altherr met with the Water Resources Commission on July 11th. A clean out was done East of Baldwin, South of Collier. There is not much further that can be done. There is a larger flow of water from behind the wetlands from the Brooklyn Drain. Jim Howlett felt that it can not be demonstrated that water has made changes in the wetlands without a survey of the boundaries of the wetlands to prove it. The City started the project because of fear of backflow onto the City’s property from the East. It has been shown that this is not the case. Randall Ford of Hubble Roth and Clark will continue to be consulted.

City Property: Mr. Altherr has been working on the City Hall basement. There is dampness in the walls. He had a contractor identify the problems and possible solutions. He recommends tabling the basement for now. Mr. Altherr also had someone look at the roof and at the sump pump. He estimated those costs to be about $5000. Bob Bailey indicated that the tennis courts need more that just power wash. Some chemicals would need to be used. He estimated a cost of $500. Councilmember Mitchell
moved to provide up $500 for cleaning the tennis courts. Councilmember Hilger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to extend the meeting until 10 PM. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports for the month of June, the end of the fiscal fourth quarter. The Balance Sheet shows $85,462 above last year. The Profit and Loss target was 100%; the actual was 96.1%. Only one budget was over 100%. The Building Department was 144%. This will come up in the audit. Mrs. Frakes reviewed all of the Funds. All of the Major Road funds at PNC Bank were used and will be replenished when the Major Road CD at Flagstar Bank matures on July 15th. Funds are being rolled into the Local Road Fund for future supergravel. Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Altherr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#20891 to Mauldin Outdoor for $955  #20893 to Gerald Fisher for $2280
#20901 to Billington Services for $1370  #20905 to ACE Pyro for $8250
#20916 to Robt. Bailey for $3750  #20923 to Voyager Fleet for $535.62
#20924 to James Prosser for $632.50  #20925 to McKenna for $17,841.15
#20937 to OC Sheriff for $2088.33  #20952 to Robt Bailey for $3750
#20954 to Slades Printing for $520  #20956 to Aqua Weed for $3959.50
#20958 to Nye Uniform for $1248  #20964 to HRC for $610.40
#20965 to HRC for $943.60  #20969 to Gerald Fisher for $3930
#20970 to Billington Services for $1540

Mrs. Frakes reported that there were five building bonds to be refunded. Written confirmation is required from McKenna before processing refunds. Tax bills are out and about 8% of payments have been received. Materials are being put together for the audit. Refund checks have been received for the City’s insurance. Premiums have dropped a little. There is new coverage for drones. The City received a $16,000 rebate.

Environmental Board: Mr. Mitchell reported that water samples were taken last week and the results should be available tomorrow. This is the third year of the weed control program. The Environmental Board will evaluate the future of the program at its next meeting. Mr. Mitchell noted that the fireworks contract is expiring, also.

Pierre Beaudet contacted Mayor McNew to report that Bob Waldron had contacted him regarding his son-in-law wanting to buy and bring a 21 foot jet propulsion boat onto the Lake. It has an inboard engine. Mr. Hilger felt the City needs to have real reasons for what it does and does not want to have on the Lake.

There being no further business, Councilmember Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 10 PM. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will occur on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 7 PM.

Approved: Patrick McNew, Mayor
Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie Lake, Clerk