LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2015

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

Visitors: Jim Howlett, Lt. Kevin McDaniel, Shane Frakes

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2015 were approved as amended. The Mayor recited Ernie Harwell’s version of ‘Ode to Spring’.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports for February. She reviewed the warrants and the income statement. Percentages for the year are a little misleading as large expenses are expected. The Balance Sheet is up $160,000 more than last year. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#19885 to State of MI-DEQ for $1500  #19902 to Code Enforce for $1385
#19908 to Hafeli Staran Christ for $1326  #19911 to OC Sheriff for $1875
#19914 to Robert Bailey for $1150   #19933 to Linda Burton for $1125

The settlement of Winter taxes has been completed. The CD that matured has been reinvested at Flagstar Bank. Weed treatment needs to be invoiced by the first of June. The Fireworks vendor needs to look at the City Boat Launch to determine whether there will need to be changes/repairs there to launch their barge. Mrs. Frakes indicated that Comcast pays a much greater percentage of franchise income than AT&T. Comcast pays property taxes; AT&T does not.

The Budget Subcommittee meeting will be held on May 4th or midweek.

Comments from Residents: In response to a resident request, Councilmember Poploskie indicated that the Island bridge was certified for 40,000 lbs. which was consistent with the report from the Waterford Fire Department. The Shores Road Association maintains the road and the bridge. The Council has done what it can do regarding certifying the bridge.

Lieutenant Kevin McDaniel, who is also the Mayor of the City of Auburn Hills, responded to questions about the development project on the east side of Baldwin Road. There are two developments proposed; 84 single family homes and a 90 unit apartment complex, one development preceding the other.

Concern was expressed over DTE Energy’s ‘ground to sky’ property clearing projects. Attorney Christ will attain copies of the resolutions passed by Birmingham and Rochester relating to this clearing.

A long-time resident was very upset about the article in the most recent Lakefront magazine. Other residents noted inaccuracies. It was generally felt that it may make more of an issue to make an issue of it.
Mayor McNew expressed the community’s positive response to the visibility of the Police vehicle. Chief Prosser noted the difficulty of parking the vehicle in snowbound areas where the vehicle may be damaged. He indicated that, if the Department planned to park a car for visibility, a vehicle other than the present two vehicles used by the officers would need to be retained. Lt. McDaniel noted the problem of parking vehicles in cold weather for long periods of time. The two vehicles presently used by the Department have emergency equipment in them. Chief Prosser and Lt. McDaniel felt it was difficult to give up the second car for police use to park it for visibility. Mr. McNew favored deterrent over response and wished to have a visible presence in the city. Dr. Cabot suggested removing all policing equipment from the old car and keeping it for visibility when the new vehicle is put into service. The new vehicle is the Chief’s vehicle, but officers do use both vehicles. The most miles should be placed on the older vehicle. The Chief indicated that it was difficult to move cars around with only one officer on duty.

Chief Prosser reviewed the Police Department report. Checks on officers’ driving records are now required. Recent training has been held on harassment and response. A new officer has been hired. Councilmembers Cabot and Poploskie have previously met with the Chief in the Spring to discuss various issues. Road repair work will be done at University Drive and I75. The Chief reported frequently seeing coyotes around the Station and felt that they normally do not cause problems for people but might attack a small dog.

Building Official, Brian Oppmann, indicated that site plans for the new Cortez residence were approved at the February Planning Commission meeting. Otherwise things are very quiet with no new projects requiring a PC meeting in March.

Clerk, Rosalie Lake, had received letters urging communities to ‘opt in’ to the SMART transportation program. A number of years ago, the City determined to ‘opt out’ of the program as it had very little usefulness to the community in relation to its cost. That opinion was reinforced and the City will continue to ‘opt out’.

With additional north Oakland County communities joining the NoHaz program, five collections will be held in 2015, beginning in May and ending in October. A Statewide Election will be held on May 5th to vote on a proposal to increase the state sales tax. The Pontiac School District will also have a millage proposal on the ballot for residents of that District.

Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie, had reviewed the MDOT map for Act 51. Materials have been received for this year’s dust control program. The annual request will be made. The drain at Lake Angelus Lane was found to be frozen causing flooding on the road. The RCOC Strategic Planning Meeting will be held on April 17th together with the City of Auburn Hills. Mr. Storrie and Mayor McNew will attend.

Environmental Board: The application for weed control has been submitted. Board Chair, Jim Hibbard, met with Linda Daniels regarding various permits and all is on schedule. The Cooperative Lakes water testing summary showed good numbers. The testing will be watched especially closely due to the weed control program.
Fireworks: Councilmember Mitchell submitted the deposit invoice from Ace Pyro for $2000. He will meet a representative from Ace Pyro at the boat launch to determine whether it can be used to launch the fireworks barge and what alterations might be required to do this.

Insurance: Councilmember Cabot put in a claim for accidental damage to Ginny Leever’s garage by the Police car. The claim was approved. The City’s insurance is up for renewal.

There being no further business, Councilmember Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 14, 2015 at 7 PM.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk