LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 12, 2009

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers Bill Lembke, Jon Cabot, Karl Storrie; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney, Dan Christ; Environmental Board Chair, Linda Daniels; Deputy Treasurer, Pam Cabot; Building Official, Leon Genre

Absent: Councilmember David Haines

Visitors: Officers Don McLellan and Kevin McDaniel, Heidi Hoyles, and Jim Howlett

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2009 were approved as submitted. The Minutes of the special meeting of April 27, 2009 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Clerk gave her report. IGD will have the Ordinances linked from both the Resident and Guests pages of the Lake Angelus website to the American Legal website. It was determined that there will be a link from these pages to the Police website for the Boating and Safety Rules. The Clerk introduced two new ordinances for approval. Ordinance 118 provides for inclusion of the newly codified ordinances. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve Ordinance 118. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #119 changes the language in Section 1248.05(a) from “existing grade” to “natural grade” wherever it is referenced. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the ordinance amendment. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Lake Angelus Boating and Safety Rules were reviewed for inclusion in the ‘Angelus’ and on the website. A permit needs to be obtained from the DNR for the ski course. Heidi Hoyles offered to make the application. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the ski course. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Residents: Heidi Hoyles asked to renew the Council’s permission to use the ski course beginning at 7 am on weekdays with boats motoring to the course and returning home at no wake speed. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve pending the permit from the DNR. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hoyles also asked whether the police officers were checking MC numbers at the boat ramp. The Chief indicated that the boat ramp will remain locked and residents will need to contact the police to launch a boat and registrations will be verified.

Police Department Report: Jim Prosser was formally sworn in as the City’s Police Chief. He gave the monthly activity report. He was asked for a schedule of the reserve duty. A new car purchase will be made after the first of July. Discounts are available through several residents. Mayor McNew discussed suggestions that arose from the interview process. These will be ongoing discussion points with the Chief over time. The officers do not want pictures or biographies published on the City’s or the Police Department’s websites. This is a safety issue for the officers. The Council requested a review of the police manual regarding human resources. Officer McLellan spoke about providing a
synopsis book for the officers and reserves. He discussed documenting performance on a
regular basis which officers would acknowledge by initialing comments made. Treasurer
Frakes requested moving Officers Willms and Wright to the full-time officers pay level
as they are working more hours to cover the work of Paul Schriber and Marty Gaynor.
Councilmember Cabot so moved. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried
unanimously.
The new Chief’s contract provides for $52,000 per year for a 40 hour work week.
Council meetings need to fit into the 40 hours. No retirement contribution will be made,
but, as with Chief Roehrig, $100 per month will be paid to use for mileage or life
insurance or as the Chief chooses. Councilmember Storrie moved to approve the contract
with the addition of $1200 annually. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried
unanimously.

Building and Permits: Building Official, Leon Genre, indicated that things were very
busy at 355 Gray Woods Lane. When ground was broken, a virtual river of water was
found. Engineers have been on the site, but it is a difficult situation and will take much
more time than anticipated. Councilmember Storrie, a resident of Gray Woods Lane, was
concerned about the hours of operation on the site. Mr. Genre stated that, typically, work
would begin at 7 am and continue until dusk, with work from 7 am to 4:30 or 5 pm on
Saturdays, and no work on Sundays or Holidays. Mr. Genre has taken pictures of the
road surface of Gray Woods Lane so that there is a record of its condition.
Mr. Genre has sent a letter to Jim Kinsler regarding the condition of his house behind the
Observatory. Mr. Kinsler responded to several in the City that he felt someone should
have called him about this. Councilmember Cabot felt that city government needs to
work in the ways that it does. Councilmember Storrie will call Mr. Kinsler.

Mr. Storrie spoke to the issue of generator noise. He thought that most cities have
ordinances regulating this noise. He will research what other communities do about it
and look at manufacturer’s specifications. Lake Angelus regulates where generators can
be placed, but not the amount of noise they make.

‘The Angelus’ will be published in the future by Chris Cortez and Leslie Embrey. Many
thanks were expressed to Erika Frickel who has overseen publication for 15 years!

City Property: Bill Lembke reported that a generator will be installed at City Hall on
May 13th. Trees to be planted along Baldwin will be delivered on May 15th. Two trees
on Baldwin may need to be removed at a cost of approximately $425. Councilmember
Storrie moved to authorize the funds for this purpose. Councilmember Cabot seconded.
Motion carried unanimously. The water control structures on the Kresge property are
deteriorating somewhat. Environmental Board Chair, Linda Daniels, will consult with
Leon Pedell regarding this. Mr. Lembke reminded the Council that the dam still needs to
be repaired and the dock at the boat launch needs a new deck. A resident was injured
breaking through the old dock this spring.

Treasurer Frakes indicated that Chief Prosser has asked to attend Chief’s training. The
fees are $595 plus two nights lodging at $72 per night and meals. Councilmember Cabot
moved to approve reasonable expenses for training, lodging and food. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The warrants, Profit and Loss, and Balance sheets were reviewed by Mrs. Frakes. She has not yet received a check to rebuild the escrow account for 355 Gray Woods Lane. The Balance Sheet indicates a favorable balance compared to last year of $152,000. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting warrants above $500. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- #15693 to Linda Burton for $1030
- #15697 to Billington for $900
- #15698 to State of MI for $1400.50
- #15699 to Consumers Energy for $553.37
- #15703 to Waterfd Fire for $47,489.47
- #15710 to Hafeli, Staran for $2276.64
- #15722 to Ame Legal Pub for $850
- #15724 to Hubble Roth for $861.70
- #15727 to OC Sheriff for $783.67

The 2009 tax information is available from the County and Mrs. Frakes will begin working with it. The Office Max credit card is no long available. Councilmember Storrie moved to authorize the Treasurer to apply for credit from Staples. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The fireworks contract has been reviewed by Attorney Christ and has been returned to Councilmember Haines with comments for the vendor.

Councilmember Cabot moved to extend the meeting until 9:30 pm. Councilmember Lembke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Frakes presented a recommended Amended Budget which she reviewed item by item. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Amended Budget. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes presented a comparison sheet showing the proposed budget for 2009-2010 in relation to expenditures in recent years. She reviewed the proposed budget item by item. There was a discussion of the maintenance of the Barn. Forrest Milzow will be asked to make an evaluation. Police Officers wages were a subject of discussion at the Budget Committee meeting. The Committee recommends a $1/hour raise for all officers.

Councilmember Cabot moved to extend the meeting for 15 additional minutes. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes reviewed the Major and Local Road Budgets.

The Environmental Board report was given by Chairperson, Linda Daniels. A group of volunteers will pull garlic mustard weed from City property south of Lake Angelus Shores Road. Goosebusters removed eggs from 20 nests and will return another time. Mrs. Daniels reported that using corn is effective in reducing weeds as the carp tear out the weeds while feeding on the corn. A Resolution of Appreciation will be prepared for Leon Pedell for his work as Chair of the Environmental Board.

Roads: Councilmember Storrie is taking care of contracts for gravel and dust control.

Attorney Christ discussed differences between the contracts with Comcast and AT&T.
Treasurer Frakes and Clerk Lake were excused from the meeting. Deputy Clerk, Linda Daniels, assumed recording the minutes. A discussion was held regarding the salary of the Treasurer and Clerk. It was recommended to increase the Clerk/Treasurer line item in next year’s budget. It will be reviewed at the budget hearing at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 9, 2009.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk
Linda Daniels, Deputy Clerk