LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 10, 2016

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

Visitors: Jim Howlett, Coast Guard Rep. Katie Williamson, Jim Cortez, Heidi Hoyles, Brian Williamson, Bruce Brisette, Mark Symonds, Dick and Joyce Lund

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2016 were approved as corrected.

Resident Comments: Mayor McNew reported a resident query regarding the status of the Gatmaitan property, 2455 N. Lake Angelus Road. Standing water on the east side of Baldwin Road, seemingly related to the apartment complex construction, was of concern. It is apparently caused by blockage in the drains. A meeting with the Water Resources Commission has been scheduled to work on getting the drains cleaned.

Traditional fireworks will be held on Sunday, July 3rd.

A continued complaint on the early start times of work at 525 Gray Woods was registered. Building Official, John Lipchik will affect a reasonable change.

The mystery ‘290’ mailbox on Gallogly had to do with a gas meter in the construction shed. The Knysz wish to renumber it to ‘350’ for the existing building.

Heidi Hoyles asked for permission to install the ski course under the rules of the past...7AM on weekdays with nowake out and in to the course. It was approved.

Mark Symonds and Bruce Brisette, representing the Lake Angelus Yacht Club, presented a proposal requesting the City to maintain five buoys on the Lake to enable sailing races. There were various options presented in various price ranges. There is damage to the buoys during the summer by motoring boats and skiers which is of high cost to the LAYC. Treasurer Frakes suggested putting money in the budget for golf mowing, tennis court maintenance and something for maintenance of the sailing course. Attorney Fisher recommended dedicating funds for public purposes, not to individual clubs. Councilmember Hilger moved to provide up to $500 to purchase buoys for the sailing races. Councilmember Mitchell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Katie Williamson, resident of the Shores Road, is a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary which serves under Homeland Security. She is an Auxiliary Officer of the Lake Angelus Police Department, and as such can provide search and rescue and boating safety courses. She can provide a number of kinds of courses or can construct a course that might be of interest to our community. She will be providing a basic boating safety course for residents in early summer. She also could provide a kids fun day as a boating safety class. Mr. Hilger offered to help with communication.
Chief Prosser gave the Department’s Report for April. He thanked Katie for her willingness to share her expertise with residents.

Building and Permits: Building Official, John Lipchik, reported that McKenna had not yet received a site plan or a special land use application from the Taubes for their seawall. Mr. Taube is anxious to get it done. Bob Bailey indicated that the Planning Commission had not seen any plans and the meeting is on May 24th. The members must have time to review the plans.

Review of the Johnson (2405 N Lake Angelus Rd) pool project is scheduled for May 24th. The Parlove’s interior remodeling project is scheduled for the May 24th meeting.

The Johnsons on Gray Woods Lane have submitted a lighting plan. They have built a patio/platform at the top of the hill without a permit. They need to provide a survey. There has been a meeting with the Greenlees, This project may or may not be ready for the May 24th meeting of the PC. There is an issue with DTE regarding a transformer in the sideyard setback. Mr. Lipchik will look into this. Jim Hibbard indicated that there were garage doors on the lakeside of the home in violation of the ordinance. He also noted that work was starting on the site around 5 AM when the early start time is 8 AM.

The Tierneys plans have been reviewed and approved, Plans have been received for the Prokopps at 295 Gray Woods Lane. The Smiths, on the Shores Road island, have done some interior work.

Treasurer Frakes complemented the project report provided by McKenna on City work.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission will meet on May 24th. Public Hearings to be held at this meeting have been noticed. Mayor McNew felt that no more time should be spent discussing boathouses. He thought that boathouse provisions should be removed from the ordinance. Dick Lund remarked that boathouses, when done right, are part of a marine environment. Mr. Mitchell noted that there has not been a boathouse application in 30 years. Dr. Jenaras pointed out that the Lakeshore Protection ordinance has created a conflict with the boathouse ordinance. The four properties that previously had the right to build a boathouse should still have the right to do so. Mr. Howlett was opposed to building boathouses. He has a property that could support one. Heidi Hoyles indicated that Attorney Fisher has provided a potential ordinance revision. She felt the PC should review it. Mr. Howlett indicated that the Council should tell the PC what it wishes it to do about boathouses. Dr. Jenaras felt it was taking away some residents’ freedom in preventing the building of all boathouses. Mr. Hilger agreed. Mr. Altherr suggested seeing what the PC review provides, then holding a Public Hearing to see what people think about it.

Councilmember Altherr gave the Property Manager’s report. There is no further update on the Sinking Bridge Drain. The Water Resources Commission plans to do a clean-out of the drain. Seventeen volunteers cleaned the Berm. New planting is done. Mr. Billington will cut it soon. Two leaks in water lines were detected at the Police Station causing the consumption of a great amount of softener salt. A new hot water tank would have to be installed at the Station if the ability to have showers was wanted. Lighting work also needs to be done at the Station.
Mr. Mitchell moved to extend the meeting until 9:20. Dr. Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports for the month of April. The Balance Sheet was up $95,000 from last year. The Profit and Loss showed a target of 83%, the actual being 77%. Mrs. Frakes reviewed the warrants. Several CDs will mature in June, July and August. She will bring a review of options to the June meeting. Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Hilger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#20772 to Gerald Fisher for $3420  #20775 to Waterford Fire for $52,500
#20777 to Billington Serv. for $950  #20789 to Mauldin Outdoor for $3015
#20801 to OC Sheriff for $1968.67  #20802 to OC Clemis for $547
#20803 to Theresa Kotsonis for $6350  #20805 to S&W Plumbing for $1540
#20806 to Kim harper for $1125  #20811 to Kieft Engineering for $1044.50

The Budget Subcommittee met last week. Mrs. Frakes reviewed each category of the recommended Amended General Fund Budget. The total expenditures and revenues proposed will be $807,597. She also reviewed the Major Road Amended Budget. The proposed Amended Budget will be $20,875, up from the Approved Budget of $12,300 primarily due to Berm improvements. Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the Amended Budgets for 2015-2016. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Frakes then introduced the Budget for 2016-2017. She provided a tax rate history with a projected rate similar to the current rate. The Police Chief has asked for a 10% increase in salary. His salary is presently below the 2015 average for Police Chiefs in Michigan. (Mrs. Frakes provided a Michigan Municipal League survey of Police Chief salaries.) A 5% increase would bring his salary to $63,260.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to extend the meeting another half an hour. Someone seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chief received a 5% increase last year. The consensus was for an additional 5% raise in the coming year. Officers wages increased 3% last year. Clerk and Treasurer salary will be $22,138. Mrs. Frakes reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2016-17. Total revenues are expected to be $877,096, the largest in a number of years. The final Budget will be approved at the June meeting.

Environmental Board: On May 7th, Jennifer of Restorative Lake Sciences will do a survey of weeds in the lake and provide a date for treatment. Michigan Mosquito Control indicates that there are three cases of Zika Virus in Michigan, all travel related. Standing water should be avoided and repellant used. There is not enough information yet to recommend anything else.

Attorney Fisher discussed the Lakeshore Preservation Ordinance. The removal of dead or hazardous trees and unwanted or dead vegetation was controversial. That provision was removed from the ordinance.
There being no further business, Councilmember Mitchell moved to adjourn at 9:55 PM Councilmember Hilger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 14, 2016 at 7 PM.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk