LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2014

Present:  Mayor, Patrick McNew; Councilmembers Chuck Poploskie, Dennis Mitchell, and Jon Cabot; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney, Dan Christ; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie; Planning Commission Chair, Bob Bailey; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Absent:  Councilmember, Dan Jenaras

Visitors: Dick Lund, Charlon Hibbard

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
The minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2014 were approved with a spelling correction.

Mayor McNew was advised of a Lake Angelus resident speeding on Newark. The question arose as to whether the LAPD has any jurisdiction on Newark. Chief Prosser indicated that he has friendly, mutually helpful relations with residents on Newark. Many present indicated that the Newark/Gallogly/Shores Road intersection was abused by most drivers.

Resident Comments: Dick Lund related an activity on his neighbor’s property that concerned him. A number of vehicles and people came to make a commercial video for Henry Ford Hospital. The work continued all day. Mr. Lund was concerned about publicity of the Lake on commercial TV. He acknowledged that the Ordinances do not fit this kind of situation well. Chief Prosser and Mayor McNew met with the director and producer. No photos of homes were involved and there was no identification of Lake Angelus made. A life guard was present. Attorney Christ felt that it was a temporary use, limited in scope, and did not find anything in the ordinances to prevent it. Continued use of a commercial venture on the property would create an issue. Mr. Lund wanted the City to be aware of what was happening.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report. The Lake level is 949.9. The Chief will put the policy on bow hunting on the listserv.
Funds are budgeted for a new police car at $35,000 plus $4000 for equipment. The cameras in both cars need to be replaced at between $4000 - $5000 apiece. The Chief is working on the price of the cameras and grants to provide them. Both cars have GPS which the County monitors. If the old car was kept for surveillance purposes, would insurance increase? Councilmember Cabot moved to allow the Chief to spend up to $9000 to purchase new cameras for the vehicles. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
The Chief reported that it was a safe boating season with no more problems than in other seasons. 15-20 Inspection stickers were issued. A subpoena was issued for records for a former police officer that the Treasurer and Clerk will search for.

Building and Permits: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, reported on the Greenlee project, which is a demolition and reconstruction of a completely new home.
There was no Planning Commission meeting held in October. The meeting in November will be to consider the Cortez residence. Other projects are quiet now.
The new Agreement with Code Enforcement is being reviewed by Attorney Christ. Councilmember Cabot moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement conditioned upon the City attorney’s review and approval. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Christ had reviewed the Inspectors’ contract and indicated that it appeared to apply to electrical inspectors and maybe to plumbing inspectors. Mr. Oppmann will follow up on this. Treasurer, Julie Frakes, referred to the Workers Comp Audit. Code Enforcement inspectors were thought to be covered for Workers Comp, but only those employed by Code Enforcement are covered. Inspectors who are independent contractors are not covered. Mrs. Frakes will need them to provide the appropriate forms for their status.

The Pontiac Master Plan Update was discussed by Mayor McNew. He read the section related to the border with Lake Angelus. The wetlands there may create a natural buffer. It was noted, also, that City property at Gallogly and Newark is overgrown. The City would have to pay for tree and brush removal. Karl Storrie will look into it.

Clerk Lake reported that there had been 13 vehicles participating in the second half of the NOHAZ collection season and that the costs were within predictions for the whole 2014 event. Relative to the Election in November, the City had been provided with an Accessibility Checklist by the State. Ms. Lake worked through the list, much of which was not possible to implement at City Hall, with a representative of the State who seemed satisfied with the response by the City to those with disabilities. Other election activities indicate a high level of interest and a potentially good turnout on Election Day. The Facilities Use request will be updated to include the number of persons allowed in both the City Hall and the Barn. The Barn is scheduled to be used by the Rachwal family on November 22. The Planning Commission is determining whether to hold its next meeting on November 18th or 25th.

Councilmember Cabot moved to ask Attorney Christ to draft a communication supporting the Auburn Hills resolution regarding the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act. The resolution seeks to increase local control in the regulation of fireworks. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission: Chairman, Bob Bailey, indicated that the Greenlee project on Gray Woods Lane had been approved. Jim and Chris Cortez’s plans will be reviewed at the November meeting. The Commodore’s Ball Committee requested funds, after the fact, for the party that was held on September 20th to which all members of the community were invited. Councilmember Poploskie moved to approve $250 for the party. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Receipts must be submitted.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented end of the Quarter financial reports, reviewing each fund and the warrants. The General Fund projection was 25% and the actual was 22.5%. The Balance is up from last year. A CD will mature in December. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the reports noting warrants over $500. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#19560 to PSTGP, LLC for $550
#19577 to Hafeli, Staran, Christ for $1922.70
#19579 to MMRMA for $5769.50
#19584 to Code Enforcement for $680
#19561 to Billington Services for $1430
#19578 to Voyager Fleet for $777.77
#19580 to Code Enforcement for $1385
#19590 to OC Sheriff for $1875
Mrs. Frakes reported that Summer Taxes have been paid on all but five parcels. She is beginning to work on Winter Taxes which should be out approximately December 1st. Two bond schedules have been received for the Oakland/Macomb Drain. One is for Segment 4 (2014 A) with a cost to communities of $8,000,000, the City’s share being $2872 or $3942 with interest. The second is for Segment 5 (2014 B) with a cost to communities of $10,000,000. Although bids have not yet gone out, the City’s share should be approximately $4000. There has been an increase in Workers Comp due to contractors who did not show workers comp on their insurance sheet. This information is needed from the contractors so the City does not have to pay the increased amount. She will let the Accident Fund know the City is working on it. There has been a one-time payment to the Local Road Fund from the State of $1076. It will be distributed in 4 payments, the first to be in November. The Environmental account has been closed as of October 8th. Mrs. Frakes reviewed the Audit from Janz and Knight. The City’s combined net position, including current assets and capital assets, was down $89,543 from last year, showing a 3.3% decrease in City assets. Mayor McNew congratulated Mrs. Frakes on her fine work on the audit.

Munitrex quoted $1004 to produce the financial performance dashboard and other documents that MDOT requires to be posted on the City’s website. The dashboard contains the same information as the EVIP Citizens Guide to Local Unit Finances. It must be done and published on the website by December 1st. There are templates on the State website. Mrs. Frakes has decided to do it herself rather than contracting with Munitrex.

Roads: Karl Storrie complemented RCOC on the service they provide. There will be one more grading and chloriding this season. There are 2½-3 weeks of concrete work yet to be done on Baldwin Road. A tree brought down by a storm needed to be cut on the walking path on Old Baldwin Road.

Environmental Board: Dennis Mitchell reported that the meeting scheduled for October 7th was cancelled and needs to be rescheduled. Seven Lake bottom soil tests were taken and sent for examination. The Board will receive the report. A fragmites committee has been set up and will report to the Board.

Fireworks: Dennis Mitchell will meet with the vendor to plan for next year. It is ideal to move the barge from one side of the Island to the other each year, but it is also important to have the display executed from the lee side of the Island.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 11, 2014 at 7 PM.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk