LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers, David Haines, Chuck Poploskie, Jon Cabot, Dan Jenaras; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney Dan Christ; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie; Clerk, Lake Visitors: Officer Don McLellan

Mayor McNew opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 pm. The Minutes of the meeting of August 14th were approved as corrected. Chief Prosser indicated that the Open Door Policy will be distributed to members of the Police Department in October and officers will sign as acknowledgement that they have read it.

City Assessor, Linda Burton’s report was submitted.

The Clerk’s report included a November Election up-date, including the Close of Registration on October 9th, and a schedule of the use of City facilities.

Councilmember Haines reported continuing negotiations with the Waterford Fire Department. The City’s contract with WFD expires in December 2012.

Chief Prosser gave the Police Department Report: The Chief inquired about exceptions allowed at the Boat Ramp. He indicated that these exceptions are always a company doing work at a residence on the Lake and not individuals seeking exceptions. A general policy was presented: Access to the city boat ramp is for residents only with the exception of commercial vessels contracted by property owners. The Police Department will keep records on who and when vessels are entering. Residents should inform the LAPD 48 hours prior to a working vessel being allowed on the Lake whenever possible.

The Chief discussed animal control. Officers will not put down small animals. Residents need to call animal services. Deer may be put down in some specific cases.

The Chief attended a risk management seminar. The need to track Facebook pages of officers was included.

Councilmember Cabot hoped that the Chief would be able to move his hours so that he would be able to attend the whole or most of the Council meetings.

Planning Commission: No Planning Commission Meeting has been held. Building Official, Brian Oppmann discussed issues from previous meetings: The pipe from the Biggers property discharges clean ground water. Work is being done on a French drain set up for the Incarnatis. There have been erosion problems at the Anselmi property. Surveyors have been working on a plan to solve this.

The Wegrzyn family has gotten a permit for their garage.

The Chase family has acquired an Oakland County permit for an engineered septic system. An escrow amount is needed from them.

The Bess family is in communication with Mr. Oppmann to get a Certificate of Occupancy.

The response to the DEQ audit requires adoption of an ordinance. Attorney Christ will draft an ordinance; the Council will approve the draft; it then goes to the State for approval before the City can adopt the ordinance.
City Property: Bob Bailey has submitted a bid for the roofing on the Barn. Councilmember Poploskie wants a stated warranty and insurance certificate for this work. The tunnel from the base of the silo to the basement of the barn is crumbling with water coming in at the entrance to the barn. A cadillac solution can be done for $3800 or for a lesser amount of $850 forms can be placed inside the tunnel and filled with concrete. Councilmember Cabot moved to provide up to $900 for repairs to the silo to basement passageway. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports. She reviewed the major expenses on the warrant sheet and indicated that it showed three payrolls this month. On the Profit and Loss Sheet, the Actual was higher than the Target because of the weed permit and workman’s compensation payments. There are no additional escrow funds for the Chase property yet. The Balance Sheet is very close to that of last year. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes reported that the city got an Unqualified Rating on the Audit, the highest rating available, and that all required reports have been filed. Janz and Knight suggested a check processing procedure that is being implemented by the Treasurer and Clerk as closely as possible. The Clerk receives any checks submitted to the city and records them (presently being done), checks then are recorded to proper accounts by the Treasurer (presently being done), deposit(s) slips according to accounts represented are prepared by the Treasurer (presently being done) and deposits are made by either the Clerk or Treasurer as is convenient for one or another (J&K would like the clerk to make the deposits and sign the deposit receipts, which will be done whenever feasible.)

Environmental Board: Councilmember Cabot reported that the weeds have been cut and a great deal of biomass of weed has been removed from the Lake. Some areas were not cut deeply enough. If this is the solution that we have adopted, some quality control is needed in terms of depth of cutting. Karl Storrie asked when residents can know a plan for weed reduction. There are numerous long and short term solutions being sought. The Environmental Board will hold a meeting on September 27 to hear a presentation on a system of aeration to prevent weed growth.

Roads: Karl Storrie reported that both North Lake Angelus Road and Gallogly Roads have been graded and are in very good condition. He reviewed the issues at the conjoining of Lake Angelus Lane and North Lake Angelus Road. A field survey will be conducted by the County Road Commission. Ideas floated were to cut back the paved part of Lake Angelus Lane to the Stop sign and fill it with gravel, or raise the level of the Lane to that of N. Lake Angelus Road to provide drainage. Any consideration of a culvert will require severe excavation and removal of a mature tree. RCOC has currently looked at it and come up with no good answers. David Haines suggested a storm drain on the west and east corners of the Lane, but the question still exists of
where the water is to go. The drain on the Marsan property side is filled with mud. Dr. Haines felt that there was no problem with raising the grade of the Lane, but that does not solve the issue of removal of water. Mayor McNew questioned whether tri-party funds might be used for a solution, if a solution was determined. Mr. Storrie will follow-up with Tom Nochel of RCOC.

Drains: Councilmember Jenaras reported that the Sinking Bridge Drain was very dry. A tree is hanging over the fence in the area. The opening in the drain will be maintained, but that maintenance will not include removal of the tree.

Attorney Christ reminded those contracting business for the City that contracts typically require three bids.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 9, 2012 at 7 pm.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk