LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers Chuck Poploskie, Jon Cabot, Dan Jenaras, and David Haines; Attorney, Dan Christ; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Environmental Board Chair, Linda Daniels; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Absent: Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie

Visitors: Officer, Don McLellan, Patrick McNew

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2013 were approved as corrected. The Minutes of the Special Meeting for the Zoning Board of Appeals of August 20, 2013 were approved as submitted.

The Clerk provided an inventory of the contents of the Safe Deposit Box. The contents have been removed from the Box at the Airport Branch of PNC as the branch was closing. They will be placed in a new box at a convenient PNC branch. Attorney Christ was asked to have his office scan all of the documents from the Box. Councilmember Cabot moved to direct the Clerk to give the documents to Attorney Christ to scan before placing them in a new Safe deposit box. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk provided a copy of the ballot that will be voted in the election on November 5, 2013. The Mayor will describe the millage increase in her Notes in the ‘Angelus’. The millage is a direct result of the weed problem in the Lake. Without money in the budget, the City will not be able to conduct weed control. The intention is only to levy the amount needed for weed control. The Charter amendments will be described in the ‘Angelus’ in October.

Assessor, Linda Burton, submitted her phone log. It was hoped that she will begin the reassessment of properties as soon as possible and provide a monthly report of assessment activity.

Mayor McNew determined that there would not be a quorum for the November Council meeting. Councilmember Haines moved to cancel the November meeting due to a lack of quorum. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Oath of Office and the election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem will occur at the December meeting.

Fire Service Contract: A modified contract was provided by the Waterford Attorney and had been reviewed by Attorney Christ. It incorporated the changes recommended by Jim Howlett and Jim Cortez. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the latest edition of the Fire Service Contract. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report. The Lake level is down a little at 949.8. The Chief explained that police officers do not generally respond to lock-outs in cars as they are unable to unlock vehicles without damage to other vehicle systems. However, the Chief read a letter to officers requesting that they investigate any lock-out situation to ensure that everyone involved was safe and then appropriate help could be called upon.

Fire extinguishers in the Barn and City Hall have been inspected. Testing of the new well has been a long process, but approval seems close.
The Chief spoke about the Oakland County Training Consortium which the Department can join and, through which, officers can receive training. An Oakland County Interlocal Agreement and a Certified Resolution are required to participate. Attorney Christ will review and present for approval next month.

Councilmember Cabot requested that the Chief send a listserv reminder to residents regarding the time shift for boating activities.

Planning Commission: The topic for the Public Hearing was the Grading related ordinances. It became a two hour discussion with revisions to be considered. It was determined to send other ordinances recently approved to American Legal to be published and to send this final one later when it has been reviewed, presented again for public hearing and approved by the Council. Building Official, Brian Oppmann, indicated that the Chases have decided to apply for a variance for the stone retaining wall that would extend into the side yard setback. The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet at the beginning of the regularly scheduled Council meeting on October 8th. It was thought that a Planning Commission meeting might wait until October as there would not be a public hearing on the Grading ordinances, and neither the Latshaw nor the Gitter projects would be ready for presentation in September.

The Biggers are still working on the drain issue, as are the Incarnatis.

City Property: Councilmember Poploskie indicated that Bob Bailey will be starting work on the Barn roof next week. He will need to rent equipment for the job. His insurance certificates have been received. The work to trim back and clean the tennis court area will cost $850, making a 4’ buffer area on the north side. The material can be chipped and put under the bleachers. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve up to $1200 for outdoor clean-up work at the courts and at City Hall. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Poploskie proposed an annual Barn clean-up event before the Halloween party. The date was set for Saturday, September 21st. Residents will be invited to bring cleaning equipment and elbow grease. Mr. Poploskie offered to bring drinks.

Roads: Supergravel was applied to North Lake Angelus and Gallogly Roads on Thursday and Friday of last week. Gallogly needs chloriding for dust control.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, reviewed the financial reports for the month of August. The Profit and Loss sheet showed targeted expenditures of 16.7% with an actual at 26.1% due to frontloaded expenditures and weed harvesting. The Balance sheet indicated an increase of $30,000 over last year. There were three payrolls in August listed with the warrants. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants above $500. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#18741 to Billington for $1595  
#18747 to J.W. Development for $1000  
#18761 to RCOC for $1886.50  
#18765 to Code Enforcement for $537.50  
#18768 to Hafeli, Staran for $4025.59  
#18771 to Inland Lakes for $21,750

#18746 to Voyager Fleet for $1113.87  
#18748 to Sharon Lashier $2452.50  
#18764 to Code Enforcement for $1170  
#18766 to Code Enforcement for $935  
#18769 to OC Sheriff for $1839  
#18779 to MMRMA for $5700.25
Mrs. Frakes offered preliminary information on the audit report. The City’s loss last year was $7315, which was good news. There will be only one weed treatment this year, also good news. The expenditure for the well at the Police Station was not formally approved by the Council at any time. Approval needs to be secured prior to such expenditures in the future. Mrs. Frakes is presently preparing the Workers’ Comp audit which is due in October. All but five parcels have paid Summer Taxes.

Environmental Board: Chair, Linda Daniels, reported that, as requested by the Council, the Board had prepared and circulated a survey of Lake Angelus Shores residents regarding a sewer system for Shores Road properties. Residents were asked whether they wished the City to examine further the possibility of constructing a sewer system. Of 47 surveys sent, 18 indicated that they did wish the City move forward, 13 did not wish the City to study it further, and 16 surveys were not returned. Mrs. Daniels read some of the written comments. The next step would be a feasibility study. Dr. Cabot questioned whether the Council was comfortable imposing this expense when there are so many residents opposed. Dr. Haines, noting the weak majority, felt that there was not a ground swell for continuing. Mrs. Daniels will determine the cost of a feasibility study. Attorney Christ indicated that there are two ways to approach a decision. The Council can decide on the basis of the surveys or it can make a decision on its own.

Drains: The City is hoping to be allowed to use 90% of its major road funds. Mayor McNew will forward to Councilmember Jenaras the materials she has regarding this. Karl Storrie may have some useful communication, as well. As regards the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain, Mrs. Frakes noted that the City needs to protect its interests.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 8, 2013. It will include a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk