LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2016

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

Visitors: Katie Williamson, Andy and Deb Greenlee, Bill Derocher, Brian McGinnity, Gretchen Adler, Jim Howlett, Michele Drake, Carol LaGrasso, Jim Cortez, Dick Lund

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Frakes introduced Assessor, Kim Harper. Mrs. Frakes and Ms. Harper introduced the 2016-17 Budget. It is a deficit budget that will require $65,500 from prior years. The millage will be kept the same. The new budget is at an all time high of $872,996 due to large commitments such as weed control and fire protection. Ms. Harper explained the taxable value and expected revenues. No conclusions to the recent AMAR audit have been forthcoming from TMA in Oakland County. The audits are not complete yet. The City has complied with TMA requirements. There are some concerns about the process. Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the Budget for 2016-17 as presented. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Resident Comments: Michele Drake, President of the Lake Angelus Women’s Club, indicated that Cheryl Hilger will become Chair of the Welcoming Committee. Mrs. Drake asked whether welcoming should be a function of the City instead of the LAWC. She felt that the City should contribute to it and asked for $20 per welcome. The Lashiers took new residents out on their boat and provided snacks and a memento. Jim Cortez explained his communication with new residents. Attorney Fisher felt that it would be best for the LAWC to continue the activity. Mrs. Frakes felt that the cost of printing the history books would be acceptable for the City to absorb, but perhaps not food and other things. She could check with Janz and Knight. Councilmember Jenaras suggested establishing a $200 fund for education with receipts being required for postage and copying. He made his suggestion into a motion, but there was no second. Mrs. Drake will bring a formal proposal to the next meeting including an example of the welcoming packet.

The Gatmaiten property is for sale again. The realtor has indicated that the property could be divided into three parcels.

There are two more NoHaz events in 2016, September 10 and October 15.

Rich Altherr indicated that the Water Resources Commission will be cleaning the drains along Baldwin before July 4th and he has a meeting scheduled with WRC on July 7th.
Fireworks will be on July 3rd. Chief Prosser will send safety information on the listserv. Coast Guard representative, Katie Williamson, has developed a newsletter for Lake Angelus. The boating safety class will be held on June 25th at City Hall. She wants to be sure that the ‘Lake Angelus Boating Rules’ notice is a part of the welcome packet. Waterford has passed a controversial dog ordinance. The family with dogs in the Kinsler’s rental house is moving away.

Representative Brad Jacobson has introduced a speed limit bill that would be able to reduce speeds on gravel roads.

Rich Altherr was complemented for the planting around City Hall and an extensive clean-up in the basement!

Mary Reynolds daughter-in law has written a book referring to Lake Angelus. Information about it will be in the ‘Angelus’.

Kudos to Bruce Brissette and Mark Symonds on the revival of the sailing program. Rescue boats are needed for the Sunday races.

Jim Cortez asked for the Waterford Fire Department report to put on the website.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report for the month of May. The Reserves still have money in the budget. The Lake level is at 950’.

Building and Permits: Building Official, John Lipchik, of McKenna Associates gave the report of activity:

- 550 Gallogly – the seawall was approved by the PC with a Special Land Use
- 2224 LAS – the remodeling project still needs some submissions
- 561 Gray Woods – waiting for the survey
- 2405 N LA Rd – pool project has PC approval
- The Tierney home has been demolished
- The Cortez project is ongoing
- 295 Gray Woods – has acquired a building permit
- 2298 Pvt Dr – permit was extended in January; owner wanted changes
- 2390 Pvt Dr – Final on May 3rd
- 2260 Pvt Dr – all permits finaled
- 2074 LAS – final approval
- 2380 LA Lane – rough building inspection
- 525 Gray Woods – John Jackson sent letter to Mr. Fisher for approval. Mr. Fisher indicated there was to be a meeting tomorrow to review detail
- 555 Gray Woods – seawall permitted before Lakeshore Preservation Ordinance
- 1165 N LA Rd – stagnant
- 355 Gray Woods – were drains ever finished
- 305 Gray Woods – Incarnati has first right of refusal

City Property: Mr. Altherr reported that the remodeling at the Police Station will begin on Monday. There will be a Berm clean-up on June 18th. There has been a request from the Tennis Club for maintenance of the courts. They need to be power-washed. There is some
fence repair and mulch is needed. Bob Bailey has a power washer and volunteered to work on
the courts.

Treasurer Frakes presented the financial reports for the month of May. All budgets were in line.
Weed treatment and final fireworks are not included. The Budget Sheet shows an increase of
$85,000 over last year. A CD has matured and been reinvested at .9% for 18 months.
Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over
$500. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#20826 to Oakland Press for $1254.50  #20828 to Code Enforcement for $1300
#20829 to McKenna for $3230.25      #20830 to McKenna for $6975.05
#20831 to HRC for $1352.88          #20838 to Restor Lake Sci for $3000
#20840 to Gerald Fisher for $4185    #20841 to Theresa Kotsonis for $5000
#20858 to OC Sheriff for $2066.33    #20860 to TASER Internat for $4451.98
#20864 to Julie Frakes for $593.38   #20872 to Rick Smith for $636

Summer tax preparation is progressing. Millage rates are down slightly. Tax bills will go out
approximately July 1st. There was a Local Community Stabilization Act distribution to the City of
48 cents.

Environmental Board: Mr. Mitchell reported that 8.8 acres were treated for milfoil and .2 acres
for starry stonewart. Water samples will be taken on Sunday with results hopefully back by
Friday. Jennifer of Restorative Lake Sciences will be on the Lake in August to take samples
and see how things are. Jim Hibbard was not in attendance but, regarding mosquito control,
recommended removing standing water, using repellent and paying attention to travel watches.

Attorney Fisher presented an ordinance amendment to clarify requirements for a variance. The
City’s ordinance presently requires only two of three standards to be met to grant a variance.
Throughout the State, communities require all three standards to be met. Mr. Fisher clarified
the standards of self-creation and practical difficulty. Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve
the ordinance revision as presented. Councilmember Hilger seconded. Motion carried
unanimously.

Mr. Fisher proposed a Closed Session following the meeting for an attorney/client review of a
written, privileged and confidential letter from the City attorney Councilmember Mitchell moved
to hold the Closed Session. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously on
a role-call vote.

There being no further business, Mayor McNew adjourned the open meeting. The next
regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 12, 2016 at 7 PM.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk