MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2009

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers Jon Cabot, David Haines and Karl Storrie; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Attorney, Dan Christ; Building Official Brian Oppmann; Clerk, Rosalie Lake; Planning Commission Chair, Forrest Milzow; Environmental Board Chair, Linda Daniels; GIS Coordinator, Dick Lund

Absent: Councilmember, Bill Lembke

Visitors: Jim Howlett, Officer Don McLellan, Dennis Mitchell, State Rep, Gail Haines

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Minutes were approved as corrected. The clerk gave her report:

Dick Lund had been asked to review the Boundary and Annexation Survey. Mr. Lund indicated that the BAS survey was coming from the Oakland County department from which he receives the GIS information. The County is offering to review BAS information for the whole county. Mr. Lund is able to review the County’s maps on his own computer. He has found no problems with the County’s maps. If the City joins the BAS program, it will not review the maps for 10 years because the County will take over this function. The only concerns for the City are Gallogly Road, North Lake Angelus Road and Lake Angelus Lane which are boundary roads. Actual addresses are not noted. Attorney Christ noted that, if the City gives oversight to the County, it will not know whether there might be discrepancies in the mapping for ten years. Councilmember Haines moved to request that Dick Lund review the maps and that the City not join the consortium of communities that turn this activity over to the County. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk presented a request for annual dues from the Michigan Municipal League. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the dues. Councilmember Karl Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk indicated that there were two candidates for the two seats expiring on the City Council, Lee McNew and David Haines, and an election for seats on the Pontiac School Board that will appear on the November General Election ballot.

Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Police Department report. He presented a press release prepared, in the event it was requested, regarding a suicide occurring in the City on Private Drive. He assured the Council that its members would be notified of any significant event occurring in the City. The Chief gave the monthly activity report from the Department. The police boat is shrinkwrapped and put away for the season. In the future, the Department would like to store the boat in the bottom of the Barn. The Waterford Fire Department is reporting on brush and tree trimming in the City to provide for fire truck access. The Shores Road Association has done a lot of trimming recently. Other areas need to be cleared. The Waterford Fire Department will deal with areas on Lake Angelus Lane on the Waterford side. Mr. Lund reminded all that the City has an ordinance to deal with the clearance. Councilmember Storrie acknowledged that the Council has an obligation to get the trimming done.
Bow hunting on city property was approved with the former policies highlighted. Hunters must be accompanied by a resident; hunting may be done only on City property behind the police station; only bow hunting is allowed, no firearms or cross-bow hunting; hunters must register with the Police Department; bow hunting on private property must be consistent with DNR rules.

There has been no response from Waterford on the dispatch service. Regarding the LEIN audit, the Chief is expected to write a letter promising improvement in the next audit in five years. The boat ramp is closed, but unlocked. The city has received a letter from the State regarding unemployment compensation for Marty Gaynor. He has used all the benefits for which he is eligible. Gail Haines inquired about the time frame for hiring a sergeant for the Department. Chief Prosser indicated that a number of officers are interested and that he will hire a sergeant soon, but that he has not felt hurried to do so. The Council agreed that it was up to the Chief to determine who and when to hire.

Planning Commission: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, indicated that construction was moving along on Gray Woods Lane. Additional permits will need to be pulled soon. There is no update on drainage. Notices have been sent to Mr. Greenlee and he has not responded in two years. He has constructed stone walls and steps to the Lake that are in the side yard setback. The work appears to have been done in July of 2007. He did not apply for site plan approval. He must ask the Planning Commission for site plan approval or ask for a variance. A concern is whether the City has conclusive evidence if a ticket is issued and the City needs to go to court. Councilmember Storrie felt that the ordinance should be enforced. Mr. Oppmann will investigate further contacting the Murrays, the realtor, and Bill Lembke as to their knowledge of when the structures were built. He will consult with Attorney Christ about the best way to move forward.

City Property: Councilmember Storrie has reviewed the work at the Barn with Forrest Milzow. The big doors are sagging badly. The estimate for wooden doors that will be hung and will open is about the same as for roll-up doors. The floors are done. The Barn will be fine for the Halloween party. Mr. Milzow indicated that George Frisch has given an estimate of $3000 for repair of the roof. Mr. Frisch has the specialized equipment to do the job. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve $3000 for repair of the Barn roof. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Milzow will get an estimate on vertical lift doors. He recommended two doors instead of four. As the floor replacement project was proceeding, it was found that the area below the flooring to the top of the foundation was rotten. To replace the rotten areas, material on the inside needs to be removed to determine what is required for repair. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve $250 for generator
Maintenance. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr Lembke has not been able to contact Mr. Nash regarding an easement for dam maintenance. He will ask George Drake to observe the dam during the winter to keep the level at 949’. Mr. Lembke asked for $40 for cleaning the Berm. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the $40. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lembke has a proposal for $2500 to survey the 20’ Strip. Dr. Cabot indicated that advice will be needed about clean-up after the survey and questioned whether there are the funds to do it. The survey needs to be done first. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the survey this year for $2500 with permanent staking. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Cabot reported that the tennis courts are in very bad shape. The estimate to replace three courts is $60,000. If two courts were replaced and one removed, $10,000 would be saved. He felt that, if people are going to use the courts, they should be replaced and if not, replacement should not be undertaken. Linda Daniels felt that a community should provide some recreational opportunities. Mr. Storrie suggested putting the issue in the ‘Angelus’ asking for community input to be sent to Dr. Cabot. The Lake Angelus Shores Association requested that the City pay $1600 for removal of a willow tree across from the boat ramp. As the tree is not on City property, the Council declined.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports. She reviewed the check register, the balance sheet and the profit and loss sheet as well as each of the Road Funds. Councilmember Storrie moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes has received a letter from Oakland County advising the City about a drop in County property values of 13.5%. Winter tax bills will go out on December 1st. Mrs. Frakes is involved in the Waterford Schools audit.

Environmental Quality Board: Chairperson, Linda Daniels reported on the annual water quality study indicating that it was a good report overall and showed improved quality in some areas of previous concern. Phragmites treatment has occurred. The fire pits and signage at the Island are in place. Voluntary boat disinfection stations have been suggested for control of dangerous invasive species. The Board does not know how this could be done in the community. Education may be what can be done. A new bug destructive to a number of trees has been identified, the Longhorn Beetle. It is suggested that lights be turned off at night during critical bird migrating periods to allow for safe passage for the birds.

Roads: Councilmember Storrie will call the Road Commission regarding the condition of Gallogly Road and North Lake Angelus Road at Waller.

Councilmember Cabot moved to extend the meeting until 9:05 pm. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Insurance: Councilmember Cabot reported that there may well be money for the new computers for the police cars from the insurance company. He has given all of the information to Chief Prosser who will explore the possibility.

Attorney Christ indicated that there was no recorded easement from either the South or the North to the Dam. There had been one in former times from the South, but it had been relinquished by the City.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 10, 2009 at 7 pm.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk