LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2015

Present:  Mayor, Patrick McNew; Councilmembers Dennis Mitchell, Jon Cabot, Dan Jenaras; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Attorney, Dan Christ; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Assessor, Linda Burton; Planning Commission Chair, Bob Bailey; Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Absent:   Councilmember, Chuck Poploskie

Visitors:  Officer, Don McLellan

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report for the month of March. The bids for the new equipment for the police vehicle came in much higher than usual. All of the equipment from the old vehicle may not fit the new one. Cameras are installed after other equipment and cost $250 per car. Officer McLellan reported on an issue at Newark and Walton Blvd. that was current at the time of the meeting. An accepted copy of the dispatch contract has been received.

Building and Permits:  Building Official, Brian Oppmann, indicated that he visits the Greenlee project every Friday and that things are going well. He has had many calls regarding the Cortez building project. Mayor McNew noticed wiring at the Observatory property and asked Mr. Oppmann to look at it. Treasurer Frakes reviewed escrow accounts.

Assessor, Linda Burton, provided minutes of the Board of Review meetings, the Assessment Rolls and her phone logs. She indicated that about 60% of reappraisals had been completed, most of Section 13 and some of Section 14. Asked about the rate of assessment, Ms. Burton indicated that the first 100’ of waterfront is assessed at one rate, and that footage in excess of 100 feet is assessed at a lesser rate. Properties under 100’ of waterfront have a special rate. Ms. Burton will provide the exact rates in each category to the Council. Mrs. Frakes reviewed a FOIA request regarding ownership of properties.

Clerk Lake presented a Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension to be approved by the Council. Councilmember Cabot moved to authorize the Mayor to approve the Extension with his signature. Councilmember Jenaras seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The No Haz program will consist of five collections this year, the first of which will be held on May 16th. With new communities entering the program, administration costs will be less, but perhaps more residents will attend which will increase the per/car costs. The legislature has considered a ten-year phased in approach to allowing electronic noticing of public meetings and election information. Lake Angelus already has an
electronic solution for informing 100% of its residents of these events and other important or urgent information.

Mayor McNew announced the retirement and replacement of Ron Spears as Chief of the Waterford Fire Department to occur early in May. Chief Spears will be replaced by John Lyman, Deputy Chief, who is a 27 year veteran of the Waterford/Pontiac Regional Department. Mayor McNew and Councilmember Cabot will plan a meeting with the new Chief.

The Mayor spoke with Jim Howlett who had contacted DTE regarding tree trimming or removal. DTE indicated that Mr. Howlett would be contacted and could consult on the removal of any trees. Attorney Christ advised that DTE is not compelled to respect property owners wishes or the City’s wishes in regard to trimming or removal of trees. The Mayor can contact DTE on behalf of the City and ask for a notice of the trimming program and ask for an opportunity to discuss it before work is done.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission did not meet in March. The next scheduled meeting will be April 28th to review a project for the Keoleian property on Gray Woods Lane.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports at the end of the first quarter of 2015. She stated that the budgets were on target. Road funds were in line. The big weed control bill was still to come. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports, noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# 19942 to OC Oakland Macomb Ir for $769.96  #19946 to Voyager Fleet for $544.74
# 19947 to Hafeli Staran Christ for $1392.30  #19948 to ACE Pyro for $2000
# 19969 to Code Enforcement for $765      #19970 to OC Sheriff for $1875
# 19972 to Berger Chevrolet for $32,739     #19974 to Code Enforce for $1385

The 2014 tax year has been settled. Those who manage a budget need to submit their budget proposals as the budget subcommittee will meet on May 4th.

Mrs. Frakes asked to renew the annual Quickbooks payroll subscription of $469. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the funds to renew the subscription. Councilmember Mitchell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A new three-year contract for the City’s audit by Janz and Knight at $6000 annually was presented by Mrs. Frakes. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the contract. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Board: Councilmember Mitchell had contacted Jennifer of Restorative Lake Services regarding surveying weed growth in the Lake. She wished to conduct the survey on May 26th and schedule the weed treatment about a week later. Weeds need to be growing for the treatment to be successful. Mr. Mitchell and Jennifer will coordinate with Aqua Weed.

Roads: Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie, researched the status of Lake Angelus Lane and found that it is a private road and had been such since 1957. A Strategic Planning meeting with the RCOC will be held on April 17th that the Mayor and Mr. Storrie will attend. Mr. Storrie has submitted a list of priorities to be discussed at the meeting:
1. Paving of N. Lake Angelus Road
2. Frequency of grading of N. Lake Angelus Rd.
3. The proposed subdivision on Baldwin Road in Auburn Hills
4. The Sinking Bridge Drain and its impact on the wetlands

The meeting will be a combined meeting with Auburn Hills at the request of the Road Commission. There are concerns about ingress and egress only onto Baldwin Road from the new developments and also concerns about the sinking bridge drain.

Councilmember Cabot suggested reordering the priorities, leaving the paving off the list and focusing on the development on Baldwin and the drain issues. Mr. Storrie thought paving should not be taken off the list altogether, but the other issues should be the focus. The statute of limitations may affect what may be done with the sinking bridge drain.

Mr. Storrie will revise the agenda. Mayor McNew expressed his feeling that, years down the road, he did not want to know that the City did not do what it should have done regarding development on the City’s border. Attorney Christ noted that the Great Lakes Crossing Mall required a change in zoning which gave the City an opportunity to fight it. It is not so with this housing development. The City would need to determine the issue it would oppose. The Auburn Hills Planning Commission approved the project and the City Council approved it, as well. Bob Bailey indicated that it was only an architectural rendering that was presented, without a site plan with engineering detail. Auburn Hills was prepared to allow encroachment into the wetlands and felt it did not need DEQ approval for the project. Mr. Christ offered to request the whole file on the development through a FOIA request and the Council agreed. Mr. McNew read a letter from Hubble Roth and Clark regarding traffic impact studies that the Road Commission may conduct.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 12, 2015.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk