LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2012

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers Jon Cabot, Chuck Poploskie, and Dan Jenaras; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney, Dan Christ; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Planning Commission Chair, Bob Bailey; GIS Administrator, Jim Cortez; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Absent: Councilmember, David Haines; Road Administrator, Karl Storrie (Public Hearing)

Visitors: Dick Lund

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7pm with the recitation of the Pledge. The Minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Clerk Lake had been asked by the Council to consult with the Planning Commission to regularize appointments to a three year cycle of two appointments each year. An agreed upon schedule was presented for approval:

- Bob Bailey and Heidi Hoyles; expired in Dec, 2012; renewed to Dec. 2014
- Carl Messer and Gary Parlove; expire in Dec, 2012; renew/appoint to Dec. 2015

A vacancy will be appointed for the completion of the term of the departing member.

Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the schedule of appointments. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Review Chair, Ray Siwiec was consulted on the appointment for the term of Lee Embrey III which expired in 2011. He recommended the reappointment of Mr. Embrey.

Councilmember Cabot moved to reappoint Lee Embrey III to the Board of Review for a term beginning January 2012 and expiring 2015.

The Board of Review will meet in March. The schedule of meetings will be published in the Angelus and on the listserv.

Clerk Lake reported that she and Gretchen Hurlbert were revising and updating the opening page of information for the website. The Presidential Primary election has drawn over 100 requests for absentee ballot applications, most of which have been filed for ballots.

Waterford Township has rejoined the North Oakland County Hazardous Waste program (NOHaz) which will require the program to administer a fourth collection date. This should add no additional cost for the program to the City this year, but should provide an additional collection opportunity for residents.

Fire Protection Report: Two reports were presented, one from the Fire Safety Committee and one from Lt. Mike Mathews with his review of the City to identify problem areas for servicing the City. The Committee met to discuss the impending contract with the Waterford Fire Department and to Review Lt. Mathews report. The numbers show that the amount Lake Angelus pays for fire protection is not out of line with other communities. Details of the replacement of the fire truck were left out of the original contract and must be included in a new contract. Dick Lund indicated that Waterford is moving the Lake Angelus truck to station #6 on Walton. The ISO rating is the same for Lake Angelus as it is for Waterford. Mayor McNew has spoken to Chief Spears and will invite him to the March meeting. Mr. Lund spoke about the fire gate locks that are difficult to open in bad weather. He had gotten a price of $200 to place the
locks in a protective housing. He is willing to install them. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve up to $250 for the housing and installation. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The City has an easement only for fire trucks and EMS at the gate between the Shores Road and the Welshes. Mr. Lund indicated that at times these locks have been cut. New locks are bolt cutter proof, but they are not acceptable to the Fire Department. It was determined to put locks back on that can be cut. If there are further problems, it will have to be thought through again.

The Oakland County Police Dispatch Contract had been reviewed by councilmembers. There is a 2% increase in cost. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Contract. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, reviewed the Activity Report for the month of January. He and Lt. Nelson have been working on acquiring a new car. The plan to lease a car for $36,000 for three years is not going to work. They felt they would need to purchase the car. They presently get about 4 years from a car, but would like to get six years. A Tahoe is the best car for the Department. New equipment will be required to adapt to the Tahoe. Councilmember Poploskie moved to authorize an expenditure of under $40,000 to purchase a new car. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lt. Joyce Nelson informed the Council that she expects to receive an appointment from MCOLES in Lansing. If so, she will be unable to work for the Police Academy or for Lake Angelus and will need to resign from the Department as of March 3rd. She indicated that she loves her work and the community at Lake Angelus, but needs a job that provides health care. Chief Prosser will be making scheduling shifts.

Planning Commission: The PC met on January 17th and approved plans for renovations at the Lashier home on Old Baldwin (formerly Oles). Also reviewed was a grading plan for the Kresge and Chase properties. PC members were not comfortable with the details of the plan as presented. A revised plan will be presented at a meeting to be held on March 5th. A Master Plan review has been accomplished by the Committee and will be brought to the full Planning Commission at its meeting on March 27th.

Building and Permits: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, indicated that problems were encountered on the Lashier property. The septic is located under the present garage and will have to be moved. The Incarnatis have a temporary Certificate of Occupancy with final inspections coming up. The renovations at the Bess property will be checked. Mr. Oppmann has started to break out expenses for individual projects and needs to work with Treasurer Frakes to go back farther into the records. Planning Commission Chair, Bob Bailey, felt that the City needs to get more money up front in escrow for large projects.

City Property: Jim Cortez explained that the County maps show N. Lake Angelus Rd. to the west of Rohr Rd. as ‘N. Lake Angelus Rd. W’ and to the east of Rohr Rd. just ‘N. Lake Angelus Rd’. The Road Commission does not use the ‘W’ designation. Mr. Cortez asked the Council if it had an opinion on this. It was generally felt that the whole road should be just ‘N. Lake Angelus Rd’. Mr. Cortez will work on the City map for the website. A question arose about the property owned by the City of Lake Angelus which lies within the boundaries of the City of
Mayor McNew will contact Louis Schimmel, Pontiac’s City Manager, about the possibility of moving the boundaries.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports reviewing the Warrants, Balance and Profit and Loss Sheets. The target was 58.3% of budget and the actual was 54.4%. Elections are overbudget. The balance at January 31 was $1,303,523. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#17586 to Linda Burton for $1061    #17597 to Voyager Fleet for $872.03
#17602 to Hafeli Staran for $1677.39    #17603 to Waterford Fire for $54,975
#17604 to Code Enforcement for $1170    #17605 to Code Enforcement for $1020
#17610 to OC Clemis for $554.50        #17622 to R. Lake reimburse for $592.93
#17627 to Ann Riley Hill editing for $500  #17630 to OC Sheriff for $1762.67
#17633 to Code Enforcement for $1250    #EFT to U S Dept Justice for $544.40

Mrs. Frakes indicated that the Unemployment Insurance tax rate, which had been 3.4% last year, has gone down to 3.0%, but the State is adding an “Obligation Assessment” of .69%, a fee levied against all contributing employers to reduce the Federal debt incurred by the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. The new rate will be 3.69% as a result.

A check for $24,928 has been received from the Taubman Co. Mrs. Frakes thinks this is the last payment of the Consent Judgment.

Mrs. Frakes will meet with Oakland County for the 2011 tax settlement. There are five parcels with unpaid Winter taxes and four with unpaid Summer taxes. Mrs. Frakes discussed the case of a resident whose home has not been lived in for some years while renovations are taking place. The Board of Review removed the Principal Residence Exception last March, but Mrs. Frakes was not informed. The resident owes this amount, but now has only a short time to pay it without penalty. Mayor McNew will contact Linda Burton for copies of the Board of Review minutes and the letter sent to the resident. Mrs. Frakes will send the revised tax statement and the notice from Linda Burton to the resident.

Roads: Mayor McNew received a letter from the Road Commission dated January 12 which indicated that Lake Angelus has a Tri-Party Program balance of $132,718. RCOC wished to know what the City’s intent for use of these funds will be by April 1st, by committing them to a specific project or letting RCOC know that the City does not plan to utilize them. The funds could be used for supergravel ($63,000) and/or for road patching ($20,000). Attorney Christ will draft a Resolution, in consultation with Karl Storrie, committing available Tri-Party funds.

Attorney Christ had drafted a Resolution at the request of the Council supporting House Bill No.4037 allowing for a greater measure of local control of roads. Councilmember Cabot moved to adopt the Resolution. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Christ was asked to draft a Resolution regarding the loss of transportation funds to smaller jurisdictions, House Bill 5304.

Insurance: Dr. Cabot noted that the two small buildings on the site of the Barn are covered under miscellaneous coverage. Volunteer service to the City is also covered.
New neighbor welcoming procedures and materials were reviewed and will be shared with Ginny Leever and Nicolette Jenaras.

Attorney, Dan Christ, informed the Council that he would be running for an open seat on the Oakland County Circuit Court. Everyone heartily wished him well.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 9pm. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7 pm.

Approved:             Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor       Rosalie Lake, Clerk