MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2012

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

Visitors: Jim Howlett, Officer Don McClellan, Brad Rachwal

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7 pm with a recitation of the Pledge.

The Minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2011 were approved as corrected.

The 2012 appointments were made as follows:

The Environmental Board
For a 3 year term: John Schimpke (reappointed)
Dennis Mitchell (reappointed)
David Powell (new appointment)
Anne Cusmano  (new appointment)
Continuing 2 year term: Bob Bailey
Linda Daniels – Chair
Lee Embrey III
Bruce Kresge
Continuing 1 year term: Lee Embrey Jr.
Jon Cabot
Jim Hibbard
Doug Chartrand

Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Environmental Board appointments. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Planning Commission
For a three year term: Bob Bailey (reappointed)
Heidi Hoyles (reappointed)
Continuing appointments: Dale DeLorge
Carl Messer
Gary Parlove
Jim Cortez

Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Planning Commission appointments. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Lake was asked to regularize Planning Commission appointments into a schedule of two per year over a three year period.

The Board of Review
Lee Embrey III’s term is expiring. Board Chair, Ray Siwiec, will be consulted and the appointment will be made at the next meeting.
The LAPD and Fire Department Report:
Councilmember Haines indicated that the upcoming drive-around by the Waterford Fire Department did not need participation from anyone in the City. Police Chief, Jim Prosser, indicated that Fire Chief Storrs has retired. He has been replaced by Ron Speares. The City’s contact with the Fire Department is through Mike Matthews.

Chief Prosser presented a dispatch contract from Oakland County. He indicated that other dispatch options were not interested in providing a contract. Increases in costs with Oakland County were about 2% as indicated in prior discussions. He suggested the Council not vote on the proposal until final approval has been made by Oakland County.

The insurance application has been submitted by Valerie Pement, housekeeper for the Police Department and City Hall, and will be sent to Councilmember Poploskie who will submit it to the insurance agent for a quote.

Chief Prosser presented the Department’s monthly report. He has ordered a new Chevy Tahoe to replace the old Durango. It is a black car this time. The police items that fit the Durango don’t necessarily fit the Tahoe, so there will be some extra cost to make the transition. The total cost will be about $30,000, plus what is needed for new equipment, on a three year lease, about $12,000 per year. The Department is still trying to figure out how to deal with mileage given how the car is used. The car can still be purchased if it seems a better way to go.

Patrol rifles have arrived. The cost of them begins at $1000 and upward. They are the property of the federal government. The Department has gotten 13 rifles. The paperwork for this is enormous. $544.40 is needed to complete this transaction. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the amount requested to purchase the rifles. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Department needs to hire two new officers. Background checks are in progress. One officer is ready to swear in.

Planning Commission/ Building Official’s Report:
Building Official, Brian Oppmann reported that a Planning Commission meeting would be held on January 17th to review plans for a major remodeling on the Lashier’s property (former Oles) at 3421 Old Baldwin Rd. There is also a need for site plan approval of an agreement for grading presented by the Chase and Kresge families. Otherwise, building activity in the City is quiet.

Mr. Oppmann had looked at the fee schedule. A large part of the projected fees is required at the beginning of a project. It is not easy to project altogether how fees may be used as the work continues. He suggested looking at totals at the end of the fiscal year. He did not recommend making adjustments to fees at this time. The fees are in line with or higher than other communities.

Mayor McNew inquired about the review of the Master Plan and several ordinances that had been discussed but not acted upon. Councilmember Poploskie will talk with PC Chair, Bob Bailey, about getting these issues on the next PC agenda.

City Property: The Barn roof has been repaired by George Frisch and the City Hall roof by Precision Contracting. Councilmember Poploskie is trying to reach someone at AT&T about the height of power lines.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, reviewed the Financial Reports. The city is in a good position in all accounts. The target for expenditures was 60% and it was at 42.2% with auto expenses and
training for the Police Department overbudget at this time. The balance sheet shows the City up $27,995 from last year. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports, noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#17521 to Linda Burton for $1061  #17527 to MMRMA for $6432  
#17545 to Valerie Pement for $500  #17546 to Code Enforcement for $1170  
#17550 to Lee McNew for $1323.60  #17553 to Hafeli Staran for $1624.35  
#17557 to Voyager Fleet for $746.24  #17558 to OC Sheriff for $1762.67

Mrs. Frakes outlined the City’s responsibility for the Oakland/Macomb Interceptor Drain project. The City will owe $68,789 over a 20 year period. This is the reduced amount that was negotiated. Payments will amount to $4120 per year.

Summer taxes have been paid on all but 5 parcels in the City. Winter tax payments are moving toward the February deadline with 114 parcels paid.

Mrs. Frakes is preparing the year-end forms that need to be submitted to individuals and numerous governmental agencies.

The Police Chief is given six paid Holidays per year. Some Holidays have occurred on Sunday and he has not taken an additional day as holiday. The opinion of the Council was that he should have equivalent days off at his discretion, considering them vacation days to use as he chooses.

Environmental Board: Chair, Linda Daniels reported that ten people volunteered to help with the Lake water quality study under the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program. Training will be held for the volunteers. The Clinton River Watershed Council has requested annual membership dues of $450. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the dues. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roads: Karl Storrie, along with other Lake Angelus residents and Jerry Compagnoni, was attending a hearing at the time of the Council meeting regarding the posted speed limits on gravel roads. Jim Howlett had alerted the City about the hearing. The State previously had changed the speed limit to 55 mph on these roads. Two bills have been introduced in the Legislature regarding the reduction of this speed limit, both have been referred to the Transportation Committee and both have languished with no action taken. Mr. Howlett recommended emailing Rep. Jacobsen and Sen. Robertson in support of a 25 mph speed limit on gravel roads. Attorney Christ suggested that the Council pass a resolution to this effect, which he will prepare for the next meeting. Councilmember Haines indicated that he and Rep. Gail Haines would contact the legislators, also.

Councilmember Jenaras was appointed Drain Czar.

Insurance: Councilmember Cabot reported that MMRMA had sent an appraiser to look at the buildings on City property. Dr. Cabot will follow-up on this review. The smaller, unoccupied buildings near the Barn will need to be listed for liability purposes.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 14th, 2012 at 7 pm.

Approved:      Respectfully submitted,
Lee McNew, Mayor      Rosalie Lake, Clerk