MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 10, 2011

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew, Councilmembers Jon Cabot, David Haines, Chuck Poploskie; Attorney, Dan Christ; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Environmental Bd. Chair, Linda Daniels; Clerk, Rosalie Lake
Absent: Councilmember, Karl Storrie
Visitors: Jim Cortez, Sgt. Joyce Nelson, Officer Don McLellan

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7pm and the Pledge was recited. The Minutes of the meeting of April 12 were approved as corrected.

Clerk, Rosalie Lake gave her report. American Legal Publishing is adding the most recent ordinance revisions to the website and will provide paper copies to keep Planning Commission and Council Ordinance Books current. In the future, new ordinances or amendments will be published on the website immediately after passage and paper updates will be provided after several website updates. Jim Cortez gave an explanation of the work that he and Gretchen Hurlbert have done on updating the City Directory and email addresses for the website. They have made great efforts to include and accommodate every resident’s information. The Facilities Use Policy was reviewed for final approval. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the final draft of the Policy. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Use by City governmental units do not require application, but the Clerk must be notified of the use. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve up to $5200 for renovations to the Barn to comply with the Fire Marshall’s provisions. Seconded by Councilmember Poploskie. Motion carried unanimously. Treasurer Frakes asked that the work be invoiced before June 30, 2011. The question of when the Barn would be available for resident use remained unanswered. City file reorganization proceeded with updating of insurance certificates of current professionals working in the City. The Council was advised on the concerns of the Disability Advocacy Group. Repeated efforts have been made to contact the Advocacy Group to invite them to visit the City Hall, as they have in the past, to know how elections are conducted for the disabled, which is their concern. It was determined to keep the agendas for meetings on the website for one year, at which time they will be deleted.

Councilmember Haines reported that the Waterford Fire Department has achieved a level of certification that may provide a reduction in some insurance premiums. He will have further meetings with Chief Storrs.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report. He is currently waiting to know what the rates for dispatch services will be from Oakland County. Rates will not be set until the fall. The management of an incident on the Lake was reported with recommendations. Hopefully, the Police boat can be put in the water earlier in the year. It would be helpful to the Police Department to know the boats that are in the water early so that help can be found in an emergency. The Chief encouraged residents who observe an incident to call 911. Training in CPR has certified everyone in the Department. A further training will be done in the water this summer. A budget review has been completed and reviewed. A new lightbar was
required for one car at a total of $1175. Some smaller police departments lease police cars. Chief Prosser is looking into the feasibility of doing this.

Chief Prosser reviewed the Activity Report. There was a break-in at the Mobley home on Newark, at which the Chief assisted. The Mobleys have been good neighbors to the City. Three companies provided bids for new carpet for the Police Station. Councilmember Cabot moved to spend up to $2300 for new carpeting. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Other repairs to the Police Station totaled $1475. Mr. Cabot moved to provide up to $1500 for these repairs. Mr. Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. It was expected that these repairs would be done and invoiced before June 30, 2011.

Planning Commission: Councilmember Poploskie reported that the Wegrzyn revised plans had been approved. Three ordinances had been reviewed. The lighting ordinance needs to be revised to change wattage designation to lumens. Lighting cannot shine onto neighboring property or toward the Lake. It is hoped to keep the ordinance simple, but make it more specific. The grading and setback ordinances are under study.

Building and Permits; Building Official, Brian Oppmann, indicated that he, Forrest Milzow and the Incarnatis met. The landscape plan is being modified to do away with the proposed walls and use boulders to hold the hillside with everything else laid into the slope. Mr. Oppmann had not seen any plans yet as they are still being drawn up.

Renovation at 2390 Private Drive (Wegrzyn) is moving along.

City Property: Trees fallen on the fence along Baldwin Road will be cleared. Payment can be made from Major Road funds. Mike Smith of Courtsmiths indicated that it is too wet yet to make planned repairs to the tennis courts.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes gave her report. There are three payrolls in the April report which is unusual. Some items in the budget will be revised in the amended budget. The Balance Sheet is down about $8000. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes reviewed a recommended Amended Budget. $41,000 has been lost in tax income and $9000 in investment income. The amended budget includes $8000 more than in the original budget. Mrs. Frakes stressed that invoices for work need to be submitted for payment before June 30th. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Amended Budget. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Frakes was complemented for her work as the City has done well under difficult circumstances.

Mrs. Frakes reviewed the proposed budget for 2011/2012. The Budget Committee recommended keeping the tax rate the same as in previous years. There is a 1.7% decrease in taxable value resulting in a decrease in revenue of $10,826. Administrative fees for Waterford and Pontiac will be renewed at the same rate. The City is in its last year of Consent Judgment payments from the Taubman Co. Total revenues will be $783,505. A number of cuts were made
in the LAPD budget. Although the cuts were as few as possible, the Department can review and adjust within categories. Leasing a police car may be an attractive option.
Councilmember Cabot moved to extend the time of the meeting to 9:15pm. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Total expenses in the 2011-2012 budget equal revenues of $783,505.
Dick Lund will be asked if he will continue to monitor the Geographic Information System.
Mrs. Frakes reviewed the Contingency Fund Budget comparing 2010-2011 to 2011-2012 and reviewed the Major Road Budget.
The Unclaimed Property report has been filed.
Oakland County Treasurer, Andy Meisner, visited the City and met with Treasurer Frakes and Clerk Lake to discuss the programs of his Office.
MCOLES is not increasing the number of hours required for officers to keep their certification.
A motion by Councilmember Cabot to transfer 50% of the City’s Major Street Funds to the Local Street Fund was made and was seconded by Councilmember Haines. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Board Chair, Linda Daniels, reported that Goose Busters will be on the Lake to do final goose egg destruction. Councilmember Haines moved to pass a resolution to include swan egg destruction, as well. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Environmental Board will meet on May 12th with the Shoreline Workshop to be held on May 15th.

Councilmember Haines has acquired the contract for Ace Pyro for the fireworks display. $4000 was owed on the contract.

There being no further business Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on June 14, 2011 at 7 pm.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk