MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2011

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers Karl Storrie, Jon Cabot, Chuck Poploskie; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Attorney, Dan Christ; Planning Commission Chair, Bob Bailey; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Clerk, Rosalie Lake
Absent: Councilmember, David Haines
Visitors: Officer Don McLellan

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7pm and the Pledge was recited. The Minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2011 were approved as corrected. Clerk Lake reported a good turnout for the September 17th NoHaz waste collection. She updated Council on preparations for the General Election on November 8th and provided information on Michigan’s Presidential Primary to be held on February 28, 2012. The Primary will be a “semi-closed” primary at which voters will request the ballot of choice at the poll with no pre-registration process. The November Council meeting will be held on November 15th, the third Tuesday, due to the election on November 8th. Ms. Lake reminded those responsible of the code required for the new Act 51 reporting by Internet.

The LA Halloween extravaganza will be held on Saturday, October 29, hosted by the Dammans.

Mayor McNew inquired about the Shores Road Association bridge repair project. Bob Bailey reported that it is in progress. Some inspections have been done. Concrete removal is to begin and new concrete will replace that removed. The bridge will be stronger than before this work.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department’s Activity Report. He has heard nothing on the dispatch contract with the Sheriff’s Department and will follow up. It is bow hunting season and the same rules apply as have applied in the past; a non-resident must be accompanied by a resident and the hunter must be licensed and registered at the LA Police Station. The Chief related the story of the stolen gate on Lake Angelus Shores and the identification of those responsible. Restitution will pay for replacing the gate.

Planning Commission: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, indicated that Kevin and Carole Chase will be submitting a site plan in a week or so for a home at 955 N. Lake Angelus Road. Work continues at the Incarnati site. Ed and Sharon Lashere may try to retain some of the house they purchased on Old Baldwin. They are considering alternatives. Mayor McNew had called Code Enforcement and left a message for Bill Dinnan which he did not return. She was concerned about the great amount of dirt piled on the Incarnati site. Mr. Oppmann will speak with Bill Derocher about it. Bob Bailey has taken photographs. Treasurer Frakes asked about outstanding invoices. Two have been paid and one is still under consideration.

City Property: Councilmember Poploskie presented a contract from Billington Services for snow plowing. There is no change in rates from last year. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the contract. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Treasurer Frakes presented the quarterly Financial Reports reviewing the warrants and all of the Funds. The General Fund Balance Sheet is down $3000 from last year. The target on the Profit and Loss sheet was 25.0% and actually was 24.3%. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial report noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#17370 to Oakland Fence for $800  #17371 to MMRMA for $6432
#17372 to Linda Burton for $1061  #17373 to Billington for $1410
#17385 to Voyager Fleet for $972.83  #17387 to Hafeli, Staran for $2300.61
#17401 to Code Enforcement for $1170  #17402 to OC Sheriff for $1762.67

All but nine parcels have paid Summer Taxes. Mrs. Frakes will be meeting with Oakland County in two weeks to begin work on Winter Taxes. There will be a decrease of 5% in road revenue due to falling population as determined by the census. There have been numerous requests from Janz and Knight for the audit this year. The Clinton River Drain Spillway engineers will address directly to the City the reason the apportionment is different. There appeared a Sinking Bridge Drain assessment that the City has not received before. Mrs. Frakes is checking on this assessment. As regards the Sewer System Operation and Maintenance Agreement, on page 6, there is a reference to insurance. Attorney Christ assured everyone that the agreements may need tweaks. It is an agreement for maintenance of a sewer system that is not yet built. Until some time that the sewer is functional, there should not be concern about this. Mrs. Frakes discussed the new requirements of EVIT which replaces parts of revenue sharing. She had prepared a Citizens’ Guide, some part of which may be place on the website. She also spent time trying to prepare a Dashboard without having a lot of the information needed and has decided not to pursue this as the City is not eligible for the funds anyway.

Roads: Councilmember Storrie indicated that there were no plans right now for supergravel. The resurfacing of Old Baldwin is on hold, which Mr. Storrie has communicated to the Road Commission. He has asked for potholes to be filled on Old Baldwin, however.

A Resolution was presented requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation to approve the transfer of 90% of the City’s major road funds to its local road fund. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Storrie will determine to whom the Resolution should be sent.

Dr. Cabot thanked Mr. Storrie for his service to the community in maintaining the roadways.

Councilmember Storrie indicated that, at the next meeting, he would submit a job description for a new position to be created by the Council; a Road Administrator, unpaid, but similar to the Clerk’s, Treasurer’s and Police Chief’s positions in authority and that does not report to any individual councilmember. He will submit his proposal to Attorney Christ before the next meeting as an ordinance may need to be prepared.

As there was no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8pm. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on November 15, 2011, at 7pm.

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