MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2010

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

Absent: Karl Storrie

Visitors: Jim Cortez, Officer Don McLellan, Sergeant Joyce Nelson

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited. The Minutes of the meeting of July 13 were approved as submitted.

The Clerk thanked those who served as Election Inspectors for the August 3rd Primary Election and Linda Daniels, Deputy Clerk, for serving as Chairperson. The City had a turnout of over 60%. The Election had not yet been certified by the Board of Canvassers.

The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for September 21 at which time a new Chairperson and Vice Chair will be selected by the members. Chuck Poploskie will be the Council Liaison to the Planning Commission and was appointed temporary Chair by the Council until September 21st. A new signage ordinance was not in affect at the time of the August Primary. Its wording still needs consideration, hopefully at the next meeting. City Property issues should be referred to Chuck Poploskie. The statement regarding absence from Council meetings contained in the Charter was reviewed. More than three absences in one year creates the potential for a vacancy. Jim Howlett advised that the Council establish standards for excusing absence. Attorney Christ will research policies of other communities. Mayor McNew will note in the ‘Angelus’ that the City is looking for someone to help archive past year’s minutes by scanning the paper copies.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department Activities Report. The City’s boating rules were discussed as infractions had been noticed by residents. Residents need to call the LAPD officer on duty at the time that they see infractions. Residents also need to be reminded/informed of the State laws regarding boating. The Chief will provide a link on the website regarding State laws and some may be included with the publication of the City’s rules in the ‘Angelus’. Chief Prosser asked for comments on the Strategic Plan presented to the Council for review at the last meeting. The path that an additional egress road to the Police Station might take was discussed. Various options will be considered for this. Insurance will be checked to replace a taser which was inadvertently dropped into the Lake. Officer DeMeester has left the Department. He was known by many residents and his service was appreciated. New MCOLES rules may cause the departure of officers who work few hours for the Department.

A new fire protection contract will need to be negotiated. A committee to review this issue has been formed by Councilmember Haines to include Gary Parlove and Jim Cortez. It was advised to invite Dick Lund’s participation as he had done research in many fire prevention solutions.

Planning Commission: A Chair and Vice Chair will need to be selected by the Planning Commission members at the next scheduled meeting. The Master Plan will be addressed. A discussion of issues that could be under consideration by the Planning Commission included play structures in the front yard setback. Councilmember Cabot felt that this issue had died. Building
Official, Brian Oppmann, felt that other structures are more substantial than play structures. Attorney Christ indicated that play structures are already not permitted by ordinance, but that there were other similar structures that had been in place for a long time. Chuck Poploskie, in his capacity as interim Chair of the Planning Commission, will ask that a review of structures in both side yards and front yard setbacks be undertaken by the Planning Commission.

Building Official: Brian Oppmann indicated that there had been a site meeting on the Incarnati project which was moving along. Other activity was moving a shed by Mr. Lynch on Private Dr.

City Property:
Jim Cortez has purchased two brooms for the tennis courts. There appears to be a mild blister in the surface of one of the courts. Councilmember Cabot will look to it.

There has been a request by the Pourchos to hold a wedding in the Barn. Policies regarding this need to be consulted. If the request falls under a policy affirmed by the City, permission can be given. If there is no policy in place, one must be formulated before permission can be granted.

The Dry Hydrant: Ultra Services has submitted a bid for a permanent fix. Councilmember Cabot will provide options for a second bid. Councilmember Poploskie will consult with Dick Lund who negotiated the installation of the hydrant.

Councilmember Storrie requested $3500 for electrical improvements to the Barn. Councilmember Haines moved to approve up to the budgeted amount for Barn improvements. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. If repairs exceed budgeted amounts, the request needs to be returned for discussion. Council is unsure what has already been paid against the budget for repairs to the Barn.

The Oakland Macomb Interceptor Drain: All communities are being assessed for repairs to the system. There are two schedules broken into principal costs ($9361 for LA) and interest ($2416 for LA) which are satisfied in a 20 year plan. The hearing to approve the plan was held at the end of May, so the amount is not in the budget for 2010/11.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, gave her report for the month of July. She reviewed the warrants noting those items over $500. The Balance sheet showed an amount under $1,000,000 for the first time in a long time. The % of budget expenditures was high because of major expenses in this month. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Haines seconded. Summer taxes are beginning to be collected. The audit materials, as requested by Janz and Knight, have been delivered.

Legal Report: Attorney, Dan Christ, indicated that the paperwork regarding the Storrie Tax Tribunal issue had been submitted. Mr. Christ had reviewed the AT&T Metro Right of Way Act materials and recommended that they be signed by the Mayor.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion Carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 14, 2010 at 7 pm.

Approved, Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk