MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 14, 2010

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

Absent: Building Official, Brian Oppmann

Visitors: Sgt. Joyce Nelson, Jim Howlett, Lee Embrey, Jim Cortez

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited. The Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on November 9, 2010 were approved as submitted. The Minutes of the City Council meeting on November 9, 2010 were approved as submitted. The Mayor informed all that the Application for Variance by Mr. Incarnati had been withdrawn. The clerk had not found reference in previous minutes to the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact as having been adopted although others felt it had been approved. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the adoption of the MEMA Compact. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk will submit the paperwork required and provide copies to the Chief of Police and the Mayor as the designated respondents.

The Clerk provided information from American Legal about archiving past Minutes from City Council and earlier Village Commission meetings. It was agreed, given that many decades of these Minutes are in paper copy and would be costly to prepare, or have American Legal prepare, for archiving, the City will not undertake the project at this time. The Council will continue to consider how best to preserve this material, perhaps with the aid of individuals in the City.

The NoHaz Resolution for participation in the program in 2011 was presented for approval. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Resolution authorizing Mayor McNew to sign the agreement and Rosalie Lake to continue as the Lake Angelus representative to the Consortium. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The temporary signage ordinance will be allowed to expire on December 31, 2010. Consideration will be given to permanent ordinance wording in the future.

Attorney Christ will review the Agreement with Oakland County for Ballot and Programming Services to be considered for approval at the January meeting.

Oakland County Parks wished to make available display boards of opportunities provided in the Parks. The Council declined the offer having no place for the general public to observe them.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the monthly department activity report. The Durango is being repaired and will require a new starter and battery. It is now required by MCOLES that all officers must shoot the MCOLES course annually to be range qualified. All officers in the Department were recently qualified. The Department needs to replace ammunition and upgrade the quality of its supply. The Department currently has two breath analyzers and has recently acquired updated equipment from the State at no cost. The Chief held a dinner for Reserve Officers and their spouses. Department awards were presented to officers who have volunteered many hours of service to the City. Presidential awards were also given at the dinner. The officer with the highest number of volunteer hours of service to the City has served 168 hours since April 2010. The Officers were complimented for their service by the Council. Councilmember Cabot moved to cover expenses not covered in the original motion to support the dinner.
Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Chief read an acceptance letter for Sgts. Nelson and Ginther to attend the Michigan State School of Staff and Command, a six month elite program to which only 24 candidates from across the State are admitted. Both officers are attending at their own expense and on their own time. It is possible that some reimbursement may be obtained through MMRMA.

Lee Embrey discussed the fact that a resident on the Shores Road was dumping leaves illegally on the City property on the South side of the Shores Road. Others in the area pay to have their yard waste taken away. The resident indicated to Mr. Embrey that he was allowed to dump there. Attorney Christ was asked to write a letter of information to the resident, addressing his misconception about dumping on City property. A notice in the Angelus in the spring and fall or a letter to Shores Road property owners to this affect should also be done.

Councilmember Haines presented a draft letter to be sent to all Lake Angelus property owners regarding clearance for emergency vehicles. He will polish it and send it to the City Clerk to mail. Compliance will checked in the spring.

The Fire Service Committee has not yet held its first meeting.

The Planning Commission met and reviewed the plans for proposed changes to the Wegrzyn home at 2390 Private Drive (formerly Follis). They were approved with minor changes to meet square footage limitations. The next meeting will be held on January 18th to hold a Public Hearing on amendment(s) to ordinance 1246.07(3) regarding permitting the placement of entrance gate posts in the side yard setbacks.

The Mayor reviewed a document citing the numbers of traffic violation tickets issued by the LA Police Department over a period of years. There has been a dramatic reduction in the number of these citations.

Councilmember Storrie will review the road map received from Oakland County.

City Property: The Facilities Use Policy was discussed at some length regarding trash removal, insurance coverage, an application, use by family members, general rules for use. These items will be incorporated into the Policy for review at the next meeting.

Councilmember Poploskie has contacted Ken Nash regarding an easement across his property to reach the dam for future repairs. Mr. Nash has no plans to deny access to the dam but does not want to enter into a formal easement agreement at this time as it may restrict a future sale.

The work on the drinking fountain at the tennis courts had been completed.

Attorney Christ has sent a license agreement to Mr. Csizmadia regarding his infringement on the 20Ft Strip. The cement blocks have been removed, the steam roller will be removed and the downed trees have been removed.

The Treasurers Report was given by Julie Frakes. She reviewed the Warrants and the Balance and Profit and Loss Sheets. The budget target is 41.7% and is at 45.7%. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports, noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#16772 to Billington Services for $900
#16777 to Accident Fund for $656
#16778 to OC Treasurer for $11,872.32
#16782 to OC NOHaz for $556.69
Mrs. Frakes requested $25 for dues for the Oakland County Treasurers Association. Councilmember Poploskie moved to approve the dues. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes indicated that the Police radio charges were presently being paid from 911 fees. About 30% of parcels have paid Winter Taxes. In relation to the Audit, Janz and Knight moved some expenses back into the previous year, indicating that they had to be booked in the year in which they pertained. They also wrote the City up for not having a budget for the Contingency Fund. John Foster will try to mitigate the effect of these corrections. The fiscal situation of the City is fine, but these indications do not look good on the audit report and may impact the fiscal indicator score. The City’s reserve is almost double that recommended. We amend the budget regularly to cover unexpected expenses. The City received incomplete advice from our accountants and it needs to express its displeasure. Janz and Knight will be asked to send a representative to a Council meeting.

The Clinton River Watershed Council has requested dues of $450. The amount of dues has not been raised in 13 years. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the dues. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Board: Board Chair, Linda Daniels discussed the contract and the permit application for weed control. Although Mrs. Daniels will get more detail from the company, the weed survey will cost about $3400. The budget for weed control is $3500. The permit process is time critical and needs to be begun now. The cost for the permit is $800. The cost for the weed treatment is $250 per acre. Councilmember Haines moved to approve $800 for the permit and $3400 for the weed survey. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Bureau Veritas is offering training for the City to be able to do its own water quality testing. Bob Bailey, Linda Daniels and Lee McNew plan to take the training.

Roads: Councilmember Storrie indicated that graveling will be done on N. Lake Angelus Road from Rohr Road to Baldwin, emphasizing low spots. He will continue to work on the entrance area to Lake Angelus Lane.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on January 11, 2011 at 7 pm.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk