MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL

JULY 10, 2007

Present: Mayor, Pierre Beaudet; Councilmembers Lee McNew, Bill Lembke, Gail Haines and George Drake; Attorney, Dan Christ; Environmental Board Chair, Leon Pedell; Police Department, Sgt. Prosser; Deputy Clerk, Linda Daniels

Absent: Clerk, Rosalie Lake; Treasurer, Julie Frakes, Police Chief, John Roehrig

Visitors: Dave Warden of Kieft Engineering, Mike Daniels, Erika Frickel, Dick Jones, Joe McCarthy, Michelle Drake, Doug Chartrand, Gretchen Adler, Anne Howlett, Gretchen Hurlbert, Lee Embrey, Sr, Brian Williamson, Ann Poploskie, Jim Howlett

Mayor Beaudet called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The Minutes from the meeting of June 12 were tabled for approval until the next meeting.

Mike Daniels presented information to the City regarding a potential sewer connection. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, as well as other property owners on the island on Lake Angelus Shores, have had difficulty with septic fields recently. Mr. Daniels expressed concern about the integrity of the Lake as it relates to all residents, not just the occupants of the island. Dave Wardin of Kieft Engineering provided a preliminary construction cost estimate for hook-up of the island part of Lake Angelus Shores to the sanitary sewer at Walton Blvd. Mr. Daniels asked that the Council conduct a study to determine what would need to be done, when it should be done, which of the proposed methods should be undertaken, and the costs involved. Jim Howlett argued against the creation of a whole City system, stating it would not be feasible. He also stated that the better alternative would be to allow individuals who are experiencing septic problems to connect to Waterford Township independently by creating a special assessment district of the island to finance the improvement. Mr. Howlett stated that our Charter does provide for the development of a special assessment district. Mr. Daniels and Mr. Warden explained that Waterford does not want to allow private connections but believed that, if the City were to make communication with Waterford directly, that it may be a possibility. Brian Williamson told the Council that he believes that sewers are the best thing for the Lake and that it would not be a major expense. Gretchen Adler stated that this issue had been addressed before and that now is the time to connect to sewers. Leon Pedell has spoken to the Oakland County Health Department regarding septic systems at Lake Angelus. He was told that only the Island is a problem, not North Lake Angelus Road. He stated that it should not be a City issue and that failed or failing systems should be handled soon. The Council asked Dr. Pedell and the Environmental Board to report with recommendations in regard to environmental concerns concerning this issue. Councilmember Haines made a motion to move forward to have Attorney Christ write a Special Assessment Ordinance. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Sgt. Prosser gave the Police Department report in the Chief’s absence. Mayor Beaudet and Chief Roehrig will further pursue police dispatch service through Waterford instead of the Oakland County Sheriff’s office. Waterford is willing to provide this service for less cost to the City. Councilmember McNew asked Sgt. Prosser to ask Chief Roehrig for a schedule of Reserve Officers. Councilmember Haines requested that Police alerts be posted to the City website.

Roads: The Oakland County Road Commission was contacted about placing a culvert under Gallogly Road. The RCOC requested that the City apply for a permit.

The Planning Commission approved and sent to the Council for approval Ordinance Amendment #114 which provides that areas of a residence built with a truss system that allows for conversion to habitable space be calculated as part of the total allowable square footage calculation used in determining size limitation of the residence. Councilmember McNew moved to approve Ordinance Amendment #114. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Property Manager, Bill Lembke, reported that he had cleaned the City Hall drain himself. Tree removal at the Police Station will cost $160.

Treasurer’s Report. In the absence of Treasurer, Julie Frakes, the warrants and financial reports, which were submitted by Mrs. Frakes, will be approved at the next Council meeting.

Insurance: $3000 will be returned to the City from our group general liability policy, as it was last year.

Additional Business: The City’s thanks go to the Kresge Family, again, for allowing the July 4th fireworks to be projected from their property and also to all of the residents who came on the morning of July 5th to help clean up the fireworks debris on the Kresge’s property. The City’s thanks also go to Leon Pedell, Bob Oles, Bruce Brissette, Chuck Poploskie and Dennis Crawford for tennis court repair and clean-up.

There being no further business, Mayor Beaudet adjourned the meeting at 9:27 and confirmed the next regularly scheduled meeting for August 14, 2007.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Pierre Beaudet, Mayor Linda Daniels, Deputy Clerk