LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 9, 2009

Present: Mayor Lee McNew; Councilmembers Jon Cabot, Karl Storrie and David Haines; Attorney, Dan Christ; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Building Official, Leon Genre; Environmental Board Chair, Linda Daniels; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Officer Don McLellan; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Absent: Councilmember Bill Lembke

Visitors: Jim Howlett, Ginny Leever, Starr Foster

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of April 27, 2009 were approved as corrected. The Minutes of the May 12, 2009 Council Meeting were approved as corrected.

The Clerk gave her report. IGD Solutions has all of the information to put the City Charter and Ordinances on the Lake Angelus website. It will appear under Building Ordinances on both the Resident and Guest sides. The No-Haz collection on May 30 at Oakland University was very successful with attendance at almost double that of any past collection. Thanks were expressed to Gretchen Hurlbert who was the Lake Angelus volunteer for the event. Election Inspectors have unanimously agreed to volunteer their services for elections rather than be paid the small amount received for each election. Ms. Lake received a call from a resident in Parkside Reserve whose property backs up to the 20 foot strip of land owned by the City. A dead tree had fallen resulting in a 24 hour loss of power to several residents. The resident felt the tree was on City property and it should be removed. Ms. Lake went over to look at the property and identified the tree, but was unclear whether it was on City property. City Property Manager, Bill Lembke, did not know of a survey of the 20 Foot Strip and felt that there should be one done before any tree work could be undertaken. The Clerk will check the City’s safe deposit box to see if any survey can be found.

Councilmember Storrie gave the background for a Resolution which he presented to correct the name of the City Street Administrator. This is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation to receive transportation funds. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk will forward the signed Resolution to the Transportation Department.

Councilmember Storrie inquired about having City business cards printed. Gail Haines had had some printed several years ago. The format will be used with a heavier card stock. Councilmember David Haines will have them printed. Those wishing them will get their information to Dr. Haines.

Mayor McNew recommended that all residents program ICE (In Case of Emergency) into their cell phones. Chief Prosser agreed that it could facilitate care for an injured person.
Assessor, Linda Burton, has sent Minutes of the most recent Board of Review meetings to Councilmembers.

Comments from Residents: Starr Foster felt that the areas where phragmite has been removed should receive feeding to encourage natural species to grow. It was agreed to do this in the fall as it was presently late in the season. Mrs. Foster also wanted to get chloriding for dust control on North Lake Angelus Road in April. The County begins its program in May, but the Road was not chlorided in May this year. Councilmember Storrie said that he had not received a contract, but will look into obtaining one. Jim Howlett suggested that, if the County owes us a treatment, we ask for it when it is really dusty in the summer. Mrs. Foster inquired about the status of paving. Councilmember Storrie gave a synopsis of the plan he hopes to negotiate, to form a committee of Lake Angelus, Auburn Hills, Waterford and RCOC. The communities would develop a plan together to pave the road, maintaining the country ambience of the road, eliminating trees and changing curves. Once the committee has decided on a plan, RCOC will do design work for the plan and get the project shovel ready. However, there is no money for construction. Julie Frakes indicated that people are bringing dogs for training on the City property near the tennis courts. Michelle Drake was told by them that she had to keep her dog on a leash. Chief Prosser will find out who the people are and ask them not to train on City property.

The Police Department report was given by Chief Prosser and Officer McLellan. Mayor McNew questioned why the City Attorney is required to appear for court cases. The Chief responded that his presence is required in particular cases and postponements can occur. Chief Prosser gave the monthly report and presented a schedule of Reserve presence on the Lake for the whole summer. He indicated that citizens are helping police officers in reporting suspicious circumstances. Officer Standfest is researching how to provide Kevlar vests for the officers. Twelve vests would be needed. Funding can be obtained for about half of the cost of the vests. Officer McLellan explained some of the dispatch service issues. Chief Prosser has written to Waterford and Auburn Hills requesting a quote for obtaining dispatch service through their offices for a period of three years. The County Commission authorized a lower rate for Lake Angelus and Clarkston for a few years only. The dispatch service includes Lein services and 911 service. Mayor McNew asked whether services from the other communities would be comparable to services from the County. Mr. McLellan did not know whether equipment would have to be changed to contract with different service. The Chief indicated that there are a number of ancillary services provided by the County. Councilmember Storrie felt that risk is much higher because of the economy and that the City should be very careful about compromising service. It was agreed to see what the outcome of Chief Prosser’s contacts will be. There has recently been a two-hour meeting with the Reserves on marine issues. Councilmember Haines indicated that there had been complaints from skiers and fishermen about the police boat speeding unnecessarily. There are new signs at the boat launch regarding applying MC #s and the boating rules. The Chief indicated that the property area has been cleaned, a new property sheet is in place and all cases have been completed. Mr. McLellan spoke about background checks for new officers.
and performance appraisals. Oakland County Emergency Management and Homeland Security has provided new maps for the City. One will be framed for the police station and one for City Hall. Councilmember Cabot moved to provide up to $150 for the Police Department to mat and frame the map. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Property: Bill Lembke indicated that the City Hall generator has been installed. Mr. Lembke has received an estimate of $1600, plus $5/linear foot for repair, to paint the City Hall. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the expenditure. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Forrest Milzow has looked at the insulation in the basement. To provide a vapor barrier and fiberglass insulation would cost $450. Councilmember Cabot moved to provide the funds. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A culvert is needed on the Police Department road. It needs to be dug by hand because of the placement of the gas line. The cost will be $1500. Councilmember Storrie moved to approve the expenditure. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lembke will try to have these projects done by the end of the fiscal year.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, reviewed the check register, balance sheet and the profit and loss sheet indicating that the balance sheet was very healthy. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting warrants above $500. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#15742 to MACNLOW for $595  #15746 to Code Enforce for $1200
#15747 to CarlisleWortman for $1040  #15753 to OC Clemis for $532.50
#15754 to Valerie Pement for $500  #15770 to Hafeli, Staran for $1140.36
#15772 to Gormans for $1353  #15773 to Sierra Electric for $4650
#15794 to Code Enforce for $1330  #15795 to Carlisle/Wortman for $680
#15796 to Dominic Vicari for $981.34  #15798 to OC Sheriff for $1661.25

Mayor McNew opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2009-2010 Budget. Treasurer Frakes indicated that it was a very lean budget with only $1000 wiggle room. However, there will be monies turned back at the end of this year and from former years to provide a cushion. There were no public comments. Mayor McNew closed the Public Hearing. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Budget as presented. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes asked for any invoices to be forwarded to her before the end of the fiscal year. A request was made for $400 for software for Dick Lund for GIS to provide county maps. Councilmember Cabot moved to provide the funds. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A Resolution to commend Leon Pedell for his work as Environmental Board Chair was presented. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve its text and having it framed. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The contract for water quality sampling by Bureau Veritas was presented. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign it. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A certificate of insurance needs to be provided to the City before work is commenced.
Roads: Councilmember Storrie has contacted the Road Commission about graveling N. Lake Angelus Road and Gallogly. RCOC is swamped trying to administer stimulus dollars. Waterford does not have funds and does not think graveling is needed from Rohr to Clintonville. Waterford may be working on a plan to pave from Clintonville to Lake Angelus Lane at a cost of about $500,000 which will be paid in part by Waterford and in part by residents. Mr. Storrie felt that supergravel may not be needed this year on Gallogly and N. Lake Angelus Road except for a few places. He will discuss with RCOC whether it can wait a year. Councilmember Haines felt that drainage may be a bigger issue and the place to invest funds. Mr. Storrie indicated that RCOC will not fix drainage at Lake Angelus Lane. It is the responsibility of whoever paved the road. Dr. Haines felt that a culvert there would help. Mr. Storrie got a call from Ron Melcher of Auburn Hills wanting to know whether the City is participating in tri-party funding this year and whether the City is planning to pave N. Lake Angelus Road. Councilmember Cabot, thinking outside of the box, suggested that, since the problems on N. Lake Angelus Road are caused by traffic and not material, why not install a gate. Starr Foster suggested putting a gate at Mann Road. She felt, however that, if RCOC would grade and gravel, the road would be pretty good.

Councilmember Haines discussed the 4th of July contract. He has been in regular contact with ACE Pyrotechnics. Holding the fireworks display is subject to an approved, signed and executed contract and the submission of an adequate insurance certificate. Dr. Haines has spoken with Chief Dennis Storrs of the Waterford Fire Department and is looking for a weekend to tour the City.

Linda Daniels, Chair of the Environmental Board, submitted minutes of the recent Environmental Board meeting to the Council.

Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm. Councilmember Storrie seconded. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 14, 2009 at 7 pm.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk