LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councillor Jon Cabot, Chuck Poploskie, Dan Jenaras; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Attorney, Dan Christ; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Clerk, Rosalie Lake
Absent: Councillor David Haines
Visitors: Karl Storrie, Chris Cortez, Joan Jones, Pam Hill, Jackie Dauw, Nicolette Jenaras, Pam Cabot, Tim Driscoll

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited. The Minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2011 were approved as corrected. Mayor McNew acknowledged the contributions made to the City by Karl Storrie and thanked him for his term of service on the Council. Applause.
Dan Jenaras, Jon Cabot and Chuck Poploskie took the Oath of Office to serve as newly elected City Councillors. Applause.
Clerk, Rosalie Lake, opened nominations for the office of Mayor. Councillor Cabot nominated Councillor McNew. Councillor Poploskie seconded the nomination. Mrs. McNew accepted and was unanimously elected. Ms. Lake opened nominations for the office of Mayor Pro-Tem. Mr. Poploskie nominated Councillor Haines. Dr. Cabot seconded the nomination. Dr. Haines was unanimously elected in absentia.

Clerks Report: The roll-out of the new online Directory will occur in the November issue of the Angelus. It is as up-to-date as possible, thanks to the exhaustive work of Gretchen Hurlbert and Jim Cortez. The Directory can be printed from the website for resident use if so desired. Those residents without computer access will be provided a printed copy. Updates will be made to the website as received and will be published in the Angelus. Year-end statistics regarding the City’s participation in the No-Haz program were reviewed by the Clerk. Participation is increasing and costs have come in under budget. The agreement with Oakland County for the 2012 program will be presented in December. The November 8th General Election has been certified by the Oakland County Board of Canvassers. Ninety-six residents voted in an uncontested election to support those serving on the City Council. The Presidential Primary will be held on February 28th. Funds were not budgeted for this election and it remains unknown at this time what amounts will be covered by the State.

Comments from Residents: Karl Storrie presented a proposal for the creation of a position of Road Commissioner to provide continuity in the supervision of maintenance of roads within the City’s boundaries. The position, to be renewed annually, would report to the Mayor and City Council which must approve all contracts. Attorney Christ, in consultation with Mr. Storrie, had prepared a draft ordinance to create the position. Several corrections/additions were made to the draft. Councillor Cabot moved to adopt the ordinance as amended. Councillor Poploskie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Cabot moved to appoint Mr. Storrie to fill the newly created position of Road Commissioner. Mr. Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Chris Cortez presented a request for funds for printing the new Lake Angelus history book. The book will be hard-covered and of the size of the two previous histories. The committee has selected a printer in Ann Arbor. The cost to print 350 copies will be approximately $6200. It is planned that 150 of the copies will be distributed to residents, one copy per household. Additional copies can be purchased for $25. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve $6300 for the printing of the new Lake Angelus history book. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The committee also procured a quote of $1600 for republishing 200 copies of the Blue Book, the original history written by Robert Hodge. As this amount was not budgeted, it was determined to wait until the mid-year budget adjustments are made to determine when this printing may be done.

Julie Frakes wished to say a public “thank you” to the whole Damman family for their work on the Halloween party, which sentiment was echoed by all!

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report for the month of October. He had obtained a proposed dispatch contract from Oakland County. Although the costs have not yet been voted on, it appears that there will be a 2.3% increase for the dispatch service. The Waterford Fire Department may take over the firefighting duties for the City of Pontiac and use the fire station on Walton Blvd. near Baldwin bringing the capabilities of the Department closer to Lake Angelus. The LAPD has been doing extra patrols on Lake Angelus Shores, but is not finding a great deal of speeding. The appreciation dinner for the Reserve Officers will be held soon. Chief Prosser reported on the week-long Michigan Police Executive Development training he attended from October 2nd – 7th. The Council expressed its appreciation for the extra coverage of the Halloween events and especially for the officers’ presence at the party at the Barn.

Holiday gift certificates for officers and reserve officers were discussed. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve up to $1500 for Holiday gift certificates for officers and reserve officers. Councilmember Poploskie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission/Building Officials Report: Councilmember Poploskie reported that plans for the Chase residence were approved at the Planning Commission meeting held on October 25, 2011. Building Official, Brian Oppmann, further indicated that a soil boring permit was issued and grading will begin immediately. The Chases want to see how the site looks after grading and before finalizing their house plans. They may need to return to the Planning Commission for revisions. Two PVC pipes leading into the Lake from the Incarnati property were identified as irrigation for the lawn and drainage from the porch area. Drainage from the dry wells will go across Gray Woods Lane through buried pipes. A meeting was held with Code Enforcement to ask for better communication and more information on what is going on building sites. Code Enforcement was responsive to the City’s concerns. Karl Storrie mentioned the condition of Gray Woods Lane with mud from the Incarnati site and also referred to a port-a-john very close to the road.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the Financial Reports. She reviewed the Warrants issued in October, the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Sheet. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Jenaras seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
#17412 to Progressive AE for $1700
#17413 to Linda Burton for $1061
#17414 to Code Enforcement for $1285
#17415 to Code Enforcement for $1170
#17428 to Code Enforcement for $1265
#17429 to RCOC for $2058
#17430 to Hafeli, Staran for $1897.20
#17435 to Voyager Fleet for $1077.52
#17441 to Waterford Fire Dept for $52,357.14
#17443 to OC Clemis for $554.50
#17444 to OC Sheriff Dept for $1762.67
#17447 to Code Enforcement for $2225
#17461 to Oakland County for $525.87

Mrs. Frakes reported that the Clinton River Spillway Board had increased the City’s assessment three fold. She contacted the Board and it did take some things into consideration, reducing the assessment by about 20%. The Sinking Bridge Drain assessment will be $49.87 and the Waterford Multi-Lake Drain assessment will be $90.30.

The Draft Audit has been received and reviewed by Mrs. Frakes. She will communicate with Janz and Knight. There were no substantial issues in the draft.

Mrs. Frakes identified a CD in the amount of $165,000 held by Clarkston State Bank which matures on December 11th. She quoted rates from Flagstar, Private Bank, Clarkston State Bank and the Local Government Investment Pool (which provided a better interest rate but is not FDIC insured). After some discussion, Councilmember Poploskie moved to invest the CD at Clarkston State Bank for 12 months. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes noted the recent death of Chief Prosser’s father. There was no bereavement pay included in Chief Prosser’s contract. She recommended that he be given three paid days so that the time did not have to be deducted from his vacation allowance. Councilmember Cabot move to approve the bereavement allocation. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Chief was given a Holiday gift last year in appreciation for his service and Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the same gift of $250 this year. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Winter tax statements will be sent on approximately December 1st. The Summer Taxes remain unpaid on seven parcels.

Environmental Board: Chair, Linda Daniels, reported that a meeting was held at the Black Swan on November 2nd. Regarding the Lake Quality Study, Bureau Veritas will be asked to come to a meeting on December 7th to explain in detail the content of the report. Regarding weed control, there is no perfect solution. Jim Hibbard described ‘suction dredging’ which is being used at another site. The Board is interested in seeing how it works in that location. The Board agreed to apply for a permit which will cost $800 to be able to have options for weed control. The group was split on the use of chemicals for this purpose. Councilmember Poploskie moved to approve $800 for the permit from the DEQ to apply chemicals if the City decides to do that. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Board discussed goose and swan management. Swan management will not be tried again as it was not successful. The appointment of new terms on the Board will be done in January.
Roads: Karl Storrie will send the Resolution requesting that 90% of Major Road Funds be transferred to the Local Road Fund budget to the appropriate State department. Councilmember Cabot hoped that Councilmember Jenaras can be included in some of the activities of the Road Commissioner to provide for consistency and transition.

All Councilmembers and Appointees are requested to provide their job descriptions and lists of contacts by email to all others by the January meeting.

Insurance: Councilmember Cabot noted that the City did not have to do an Accident Fund Audit. MMRMA has hired an independent firm to evaluate the Police Department and City Hall.

Attorney Christ reported that Mike Daniels will communicate with him regarding the Sewer Agreement. Linda Daniels indicated that they are waiting for a second bid on the sewer project.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Councilmembers Poploskie and Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on December 13, 2011 at 7 pm.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor

Rosalie Lake, Clerk