LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2009

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers Bill Lembke, Jon Cabot, Karl Storrie; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney Dan Christ; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Environmental Board Chair, Linda Daniels; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; GPS Dick Lund; Deputy Treasurer, Pam Cabot; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Absent: Councilmember, David Haines

Visitors: Jim Howlett, Jim Cortez, Margaret Meisner

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited.

The Minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2009 were approved as corrected.

Clerk Lake has not yet received a letter of permission to reprint the Blue Book from the copyright holder, Martha Hodge. A schedule has been determined by Planning Commission Chair, Forrest Milzow and the Clerk for four quarterly meetings of the Planning Commission in 2010, unless additional meetings are necessary. These meetings will be held on the regular meeting dates (4th Tuesday): February 23rd, May 25th, August 24th and October 26th. If the need for a meeting arises that cannot be accommodated by any one of these dates, an alternate meeting will be held to accomplish the necessary business, which may then alter the meeting scheduled for that quarter of the year. All meetings are open meetings and every effort will be made to notify the public of the meeting schedule.

Attorney Christ discussed the issue of the use of the Lake Angelus intranet system, the listserv, for which a policy of use exists. If the City allows commercial announcements, it may have to allow political announcements. Mr. Christ suggested that the listserv be limited to City business which can be liberally interpreted and can allow announcements to City residents of City affairs. Councilmember Storrie felt the present listserv should be left as is and persons should be talked with who misuse it. Councilmember Cabot agreed noting that there was one issue, not a trend.

A change to the listing of the City Charter and City Ordinances on the website was proposed to provide for two separate links to these two sources of information. The Clerk will contact the provider of this information to our website to reconfigure it.

Comments from Residents: Jim Cortez inquired when residents might expect to see the agenda for meetings posted on the website. Mayor McNew will contact IGD to better facilitate timely posting. Mr. Cortez also asked whether our ordinances cover the situation of foreclosure requiring the mortgagee to maintain the exterior of the property. The City will not create an ordinance covering this at this time. Margaret Meisner appeared to commend the Lake Angelus Police Department on its immediate response to her husband’s health issues. She commented that residents have something so special in the Lake Angelus Police Department that they should feel very secure.
Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report. The Department has taken delivery of the new police vehicle, a Tahoe. As part of a fleet purchase through Oakland County, the price was $28,413. It has 4-wheel drive and is police equipped. The Chief spoke of the background in investigative work of the new officer, Terry Fortuna. Jim Cortez inquired about the number of deer taken during the hunting season. The Chief knew of none.

Planning Commission: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, said that Andy Greenlee had previously received a letter from Code Enforcement and that Mr. Greenlee had indicated that he would work on a response. No response has been forthcoming. Mr. Oppmann recommended that the Police write a citation which may get Mr. Greenlee’s attention.

Building activity in the City is very quiet except for permits being issued at the Incarnati site on Gray Woods Lane. Mr. Lund will check activity at the Wheeler property.

Dick Lund, the City’s GIS official, noted that, in October, he had been asked by the Council to look at the Boundary Annexation Survey, a survey prior to the 2010 census, and an invitation to participate with Oakland County to complete the survey. The Council had decided not to participate with the County and had sent the county a form to that affect. Mr. Lund has received a large packet of materials and maps from the US Government. The maps received have roads missing and some included that are not there. North Lake Angelus Road comes under several different names. He felt the project would be a nightmare without the help of the County. He is willing to work with the County, but felt that the City should participate in the County’s program for accomplishing this. Councilmember Cabot moved to turn BAS (Boundary Annexation Survey) over to the County on behalf of the City. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Property: Bill Lembke had the septic tank pumped at the Police Department. The County approved the system then did not approve the inspection because it is considered commercial use. As commercial, it has to be pumped every two years. There are three properties encroaching onto the 20 Foot Strip, two with fencing and one with machinery. Attorney Christ will write letters to these three property owners. Bob Bailey will set iron stakes to mark the property lines.

A few responses to the question of whether to redo the tennis courts have been received. The estimate given to Councilmember Cabot was $60,000 to redo three courts; $50,000 for two courts; and $25,000 for one court. It would not require an assessment to do this as there is money in the fund balance. It was felt that a survey should be put to all residents. Mayor McNew will prepare and send it.

Mayor McNew discussed the purchase of 5 additional smaller lighting fixtures for the hallways and bathrooms, two mirrors and waste containers for an approximate total of $1200. Councilmember Cabot felt that matching lighting fixtures in the bathrooms was unnecessary and moved to spend up to $500 for lighting in the hallways. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Barn roof is done and work will begin soon on the doors.
Treasurer Frakes reviewed her monthly report. All budget percentages are appropriate for the time of the fiscal year. Councilmember Storrie moved to approve the Treasurer’s report noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#16110 to OC Sheriff for $1661.25
#16112 to Accident Fund for $595
#16158 to G A Frisch Inc for $2935
#16136 to Priority 1 Emer for $727.49
#16139 to Kieft Engineer for $2400
#16142 to Code Enforce for $1330

Treasurer Frakes provided options for the reinvestment of two CDs which will mature on December 11th, one for $210,037 and one for $78,764. Prior to the meeting, she had provided to the Council detailed information on Oakland County’s Local Government Investment Pool, a short-term investment fund designed exclusively for local units of government in Oakland County. Mrs. Frakes described the portfolio and indicated the current average daily rate to be 1.75% with next day liquidity without penalty for early withdrawal. Currently there is a balance in excess of $1 billion in the Fund. Mrs. Frakes recommended the Fund for the City’s investments of the funds currently in the maturing CDs. Councilmember Cabot felt that the Pool makes sense for the City. Councilmember Storrie was in favor of the investment as were Deputy Treasurer, Pam Cabot and Jim Howlett. Councilmember Cabot moved to invest the City’s current CD assets, $210,037 and $78,764, in the Local Government Investment Pool managed by Oakland County and to direct the Mayor to sign the Resolution to accomplish this. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Application for the Pool will be signed by the Treasurer. The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Deputy Treasurer are also delegated to have the authority to make decisions regarding the investments.

An additional amount of $157,000 is currently invested in a CD at Clarkston State Bank. It was determined to leave it there until maturity on July 11, 2010.

There are three payments left to be received from the Taubman Company to fulfill the provisions of the Mall Consent Judgment. The amount to be received this year is $24,500. The acknowledgement letter will indicate that funds are being reserved for major projects.

Treasurer Frakes gave a review of the recently completed audit indicating that the City’s finances are in very good health. Janz and Knight indicated that the City can maintain a capital expenditures fund and can reserve funds for major purchases. This does not help improve the fiscal indicator score. Councilmember Cabot noted that the City should not be motivated by the fiscal indicator score; it should be fiscally responsible. At the budget preparation time in the spring, a capital plan can be considered.

A bonus for the Chief of Police was considered. The amount should be prorated to the time of his service since becoming Chief. Councilmember Storrie moved to prorate the bonus for the Chief this year based on $250 for a full year of service. Councilmember Lembke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roads: Councilmember Storrie reported on a meeting with Willis Greer and John Karns of the road maintenance depart of the Road Commission. He now has direct contact for John Connors, the person to call when something is needed. He commended the RCOC on its performance so far. North Lake Angelus Road and Gallogly Road are in good shape.
Legal: Attorney Christ indicated that Mike Daniels has scheduled another meeting regarding the sewer line. The City may need to develop a credit card policy, if it does not already have one.

Councilmember Lembke wished to give public thanks to Linda Daniels for cleaning the berm and the road.
There being no further business, Councilmember Storrie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7 pm.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk