MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 12, 2011

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers Karl Storrie and David Haines; Attorney, Dan Christ; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Environmental Board Chair, Linda Daniels; Planning Commission Chair, Bob Bailey; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Absent: Councilmembers Jon Cabot and Chuck Poploskie

Visitors: Sgt. Joyce Nelson, Officer Don McLellan, Chris and Jim Cortez, Margaret Meisner

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm with a quorum present. The Pledge was recited. The Minutes of the Meeting of March 8, 2011 were approved as corrected. The Clerk reported that work on updating resident information on the website and Directory was underway. It was agreed that once the updating work was completed, new information would come to the Clerk first and then to Gretchen Hurlbert for inclusion on the website. The paper Directory would be published from the information kept current on the website whenever it was felt a new paper Directory should be published.

There is a new schedule that supercedes the City’s Charter for the submission of nominating petitions for the City Council elections in November of 2011. Petitions must be submitted by the end of July not, as previously, in early September. The Clerk will provide information in early June to all residents regarding the November election for the City Council.

The Facilities Use Policy had been reviewed by Councilmember. It was agreed to change the word ‘sponsor’ to ‘user’. It will be sent to Councilmembers for one last look and then published in the ‘Angelus’.

Mayor McNew wished to acquire an appropriate book to record recognitions for the James L. Howlett Volunteer Service Award and other recognitions of service to the City. Councilmember Haines moved to approve up to $105 for such a book. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resident Comments: Margaret Meisner wished to have a workshop on self-defense for women, to be held in November, and sponsored by the Lake Angelus Women’s Club. All women in the City would be invited. Chief Prosser was willing to conduct it. It would be held at City Hall, but no date has been set. Chris Cortez spoke about the Boat Parade and Party in honor of the Kresge Launch 100th anniversary. The Committee hopes that everyone on the Lake will participate, including extended families. Mrs. Cortez presented cost variables which will depend on how many people attend. Costs include food, service and rentals with the highest expenditure being $3000 for 250 people. A discussion ensued about charging for the event, but most felt that all should be encouraged to come to the City sponsored party at no charge. Councilmember Haines moved to provide up to $3000 for the Party following the Boat Parade. Councilmember Storrie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report. Training was held for all officers and reserves on the treatment of those who suffer from Alzheimer’s disease. The Chief has enrolled in the Michigan Police Executive Development Seminar which is a version of the National Academy conducted by the FBI in local areas. Funding will be provided through the State 302 Fund for police training. Councilmember Haines moved to authorize payment of $1000 from the 320 Fund for this purpose. Councilmember Storrie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
The Chief discussed the procurement of patrol rifles. There is a program for obtaining new military surplus weapons which the Department may or may not be able to access. If they are purchased separately, they cost about $1000 apiece. Councilmember Storrie felt that the officers were underarmed. The rifles would provide greater distance than handguns. A bullet-proof vest program opens on April 22nd that helps to provide funding for communities with under 100,000 residents. There may be funding for the Department through this program.

Waterford is interested in providing dispatch services to the City. Auburn Hills appears not to be interested. Oakland County will not set its rates for Dispatch services until the fall. The current contract for dispatch service with Oakland County expires on March 31, 2012. The Police Station needs some minor repairs that could be accomplished by a handyman. It also needs new carpeting. Bids will be sought.

Councilmember Haines reported that the Fire Service Committee held its first meeting to understand the history of fire protection in the City and strategize how to approach continued service. They discussed whether the 5% yearly increase for the service was appropriate and how to get a fix on a per resident basis. Waterford Fire Chief Storrs will provide particulars on this and negotiations with Waterford leadership will be planned in the hope of having amicable, low key, careful information gathering. The fire truck is ten years old. It is not ideally suited for its use in some ways, but should last another ten years. Other equipment used on a day to day basis by Waterford would be returned to the City if another department was contracted. Members of the Committee were happy with Waterford’s service and wish to remain on amicable terms with the Department. The only real issue is costs.

Planning Commission: Attorney Christ provided the size requirements for the sign at the Great Lakes Crossing Mall. According to Bob Bailey, the sign meets the criteria. Code Enforcement has received correspondence from Mr. Incarnati regarding his plans for access to the Lake. Building Official, Brian Oppmann, is working with Mr. Christ regarding interpretation of the Ordinances that apply. Mr. Oppmann and Chair of the Planning Commission, Bob Bailey, have seen the proposed plans and have concerns about the height of the retaining wall and the cut into the grade proposed, where the grade may be able to be worked with less excavation. Mr. Storrie offered to try to arrange a meeting with Mr. Incarnati, Forrest Milzow and Mr. Bailey to explore alternatives in landscaping. When plans are officially received, a Planning Commission meeting will be scheduled. Mr. Christ referred to the ordinance regarding the cut for a walk-out basement. The provision and its application to other areas of the property were discussed. Mr. Christ advised the Council on procedures for study sessions, revising ordinances and creating new ordinances. The Planning Commission may plan a study session regarding ordinance provisions.

Councilmember Storrie moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports. The balance is down by $18,000 from last year. In review of the Profit and Loss, the hope by the Budget Committee is to narrow the deficit in preparing the budget for next year. Mrs. Frakes reviewed the warrants and the status of all other Funds. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants above $500. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#16990 to Linda Burton for $1061
#17012 to Hafeli Staran for $2453.10
#17014 to Voyager Fleet Systems for $753.54
#17034 to OC Sheriff for $1711.33
#17035 to Code enforcement for $1170

For the 2011/12 Budget preparation, the Treasurer needs budget requests for Roads, ie: chloriding, supergravel, and the road to the LAPD. Building Department budget requests are also needed. There is an overall drop in taxable value of 1.08 million which translates into $10,828 less in tax revenue. There is also an 11% reduction in State revenue sharing. Revenue sharing is 3% of the City’s budget.
Billington Services price for lawn care has been quoted at the same rate as last year. Councilmember Storrie moved to approve Billington’s services for the upcoming season. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Prosser is planning to get a new vehicle. He would like to order a 2011 model but it cannot be paid for this year. If there are big budget items that could be funded from the Contingency Fund, instead of operating funds, they can be funded.

Summer and Winter taxes for 2010 have been settled with the County.

Road Revenue: This agenda item will be postponed until next month.

Environmental Board: Board Chair, Linda Daniels, together with Jim Hibbard, are part of the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program, a training program to allow residents to do lake water quality testing. In the first year of participation, residents are allowed to do Phosphorus sampling and water clarity reading. Mrs. Daniels has collected the first samples. Bureau Veritas will do the rest of the sampling so that some data is not ignored. Bureau Veritas has been contacted to send a contract. The cost last year was $2800 and $3000 was budgeted for this year.

Mrs. Daniels has met with Paul Rentschler of ASTI Environmental who did the stormwater diversion work at the Kresge property. They visited the site and determined that the existing rocks needed to be pulled back into place and some larger rocks needed to be placed along the side to prevent side erosion and divert the water better. Together they also looked at the drain that goes under N. Lake Angelus Rd. from the north to the ravine between the Rachwal property and the Howlett property and then into the Lake. The terrain does a lot to impede the flow into the Lake, however there are seasonal wet areas draining from the Rachwal and Howlett properties along Lake Angelus Road that are not flowing through the drain. ASTI is considering some solutions to the problem and will advise the City.

The City has contracted Goose Busters regarding the nest/egg destruction program. The company will come out for two visits, two weeks apart. A listerv alert to residents has been sent to residents asking for nesting information.

The Natural Shoreline workshop will be held on Sunday, May 15th from 1-4:30 at City Hall. Ann Cusmano and Linda Daniels will be hosting and encourage all residents to attend.

Roads: Councilmember Storrie reported that an underground spring on the Glantz property is running down Gray Woods Lane. It is not runoff. Mr. Glantz is going to install a drain.

The Road Chloriding contract needs to be prepared and filed.

Agreeing that other agenda items will be considered at the next meeting, Councilmember Haines moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk