MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2007

Present: Mayor Pierre Beaudet; Councilmembers Bill Lembke, Lee McNew, Gail Haines and George Drake; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Police Chief, John Roehrig; Attorney, Dan Christ; Environmental Board Chair, Leon Pedell;

Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Visitors: Curt Anselmi, Officers Martin Gainor and Paul Schreiber

Mayor Beaudet called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and asked for approval of the Minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2006. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Comments from Residents: Curt Anselmi observed in the last few weeks of the year and did not see as many deer as in the year before. Warm weather may account for less activity, but close to twenty deer were taken this year.

Chief John Roehrig introduced newly appointed officer, Marty Gainor. Mr. Gainor briefly reviewed his 31 year career with the Detroit Police Department. He worked in most of the units during his career, and did high profile investigations near the end of his tenure. Officer Paul Schreiber came later in the meeting to introduce himself. He was the officer on duty and had been detained by a call. The Chief gave a report of light activity in December excepting several trees down over roadways.

The Chief was asked about progress on the revision of the Policies and Procedures Manual. An assessment had been done by Risk Management with a
letter containing recommendations provided in March 2006. The Chief read the letter and commented on progress on various recommendations. In the area of supervision, Officer Jim Prosser has been appointed as second in command. Among areas that need to be addressed in the manual are non-emergency vehicle administration, off-duty weapons, employee drug testing which is now done at the time of hire, reporting of illness and medications and a policy of returning to work, media relations, workplace violence and personal use of department vehicles. Other areas included the keeping of records which has been updated, firearms regarding authorization to carry and training, the use of non-lethal weapons, training as an ongoing process, and command level training relating to marine training, counseling and investigations which are outsourced, and security of property in the evidence room which is secured in a property locker. For the next meeting, Chief Roehrig will prepare and discuss the on-duty and off-duty weapons policies of the LAPD.

Councilmember Haines spoke about an email that the Waterford, Police Department sends to its residents to inform them. The people developing the City’s website will be in touch with the chief to determine what he would like to have posted on the LAPD link.

Leon Pedell, Environmental Board Chair, reminded the Council of the meeting on February 7, 2007 together with Waterford on riparian lawn care. Dr. Pedell will be presenting specific ways that waterfront riparian owners may deal with their lawn contractors regarding fertilization that is friendly.

Roads: Governor Granholm vetoed the gravel road speed limits bill. Councilmember Lembke has contacted Pontiac regarding its half of Gallogly road which was in deplorable condition. It seems that the County scraped the whole of the road. Councilmember Drake will revive relationships with Pontiac regarding Gallogly Road.

Planning Commission: No meeting was held in December. It was noted that the Biggers have paid all outstanding fees although the Treasurer has not yet received them. Brian Oppmann has asked for a second survey of the drainage line at the Sheas. The terms of two positions on the Planning Commission expired in December, those of Doug Chartrand and Bruce Brissette. Both wish
to continue to serve. Mayor Beaudet will contact Forrest Milzow to discuss their appointments. Bill Dinnen, former Lake Angelus building official, has retired from Farmington Hills and would like to work for the City again if there was a position available.

Councilmember McNew had reviewed the Code Enforcement contract which included a monthly report, which has not been provided. She also felt dismayed that Brian Oppmann does not feel that he is responsible for visiting building sites on a general basis. If there is a problem, she felt he should be there. Treasurer Frakes indicated that the time sheets she has received recently were irregular and without detail. They came under Brian Oppmann’s cover letter.

Treasurer Frakes inquired about forfeiture of bonds. Attorney Christ advised that all reasonable effort must be expended. He suggested an ordinance amendment to define this process. It can be passed by the Council without Planning Commission approval because it is not part of the Zoning Ordinance.

City Property: Councilmember Lembke reported that all the junk along Gallogly Road had been picked up. It helps the Police Officers to identify junkers if it is kept clean. He also called DTE and got the street light repaired. A new toilet and related plumbing was installed in the City Hall as a gift from Linda Daniels and Hal Doremus. Many thanks!!

The Treasurer’s report was given by Julie Frakes. Councilmember McNew moved to approve the warrants noting those above $500. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#14099 to Zambelli Internat for $4000  #14100 to Carlisle Wortman for $1246.48
#void    EFTPS for $2495.94    #14102 to Paint Creek Land for $1750
#void EFT to State of MI for $591.67  #void EFT EFTPS for $2136.64
#14125 to Voyager Fleet for $562.16  #14128 Hafeli, Staran for $1999.71
#14129 to Bass Pro Shop for $1100          #14130 to Code Enforce for $1198.88

#void EFT EFTPS for $1861.60               #14145 to Bostik GMC for $570.47

Reviewing the income statement, Mrs. Frakes noted that the budget is at the 50% point. All except three summer tax bills have been paid and about half of the winter taxes have been collected. Mrs. Frakes also noted that Police Department auto expenses reflect almost 100% of the amount budgeted for the year. Regarding the Major Road Fund, the City can transfer 25% of major road funds to the Local Road budget showing that the transfer has been made. Mrs. Frakes noted of the Balance Sheet that the City’s books match the auditor’s books to the penny. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Officer O’Hara provided certification by the State for title inspections. He will be paid $91 per vehicle with a $9 payroll liability. He is requesting the full $100 as indicated by the State. Mayor Beaudet will talk with him and the City will pay $91.

Chief Roehrig ran out of vacation time and took 3 days without pay. The term of his contract ends in June and he will have no vacation time until then. He is requesting two days vacation time from 2005 to help to cover this. The Chief feels that the former Police Committee made promises to or arrangements with him. A conversation needs to be had with him regarding his and the City’s goals related to benefits. Mayor Beaudet and Councilmember Drake will meet with him for this purpose.

The Treasurer wished to confirm with the Council that the City does not pay extratime for Christmas Eve or New Years Eve. The Council confirmed this.

Noting that the Fire Service Committee did not really exist any more and out of respect for the work of its Chairperson, Dick Lund, the Clerk suggested that Mr. Lund’s title be changed from Fire Service Committee Chair to Fire Marshall. Mr. Lund was not present.

Additional Business: The webpage is a comin’.
There being no further business, Mayor Beaudet adjourned the meeting and confirmed the next regular meeting for February 13, 2007.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Pierre Beaudet, Mayor  Rosalie Lake, Clerk