MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 8, 2008

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers, Bill Lembke, Gail Haines, Jon Cabot, Karl Storrie; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney, Dan Christ; Environmental Board Chair, Leon Pedell; Rosalie Lake, Clerk

Visitors: Lee Embrey, Ginny Leever, Ann and Jim Howlett, Joan Jones, Joe McCarthy, Heidi Hoyles, Dick Lund, Margaret Meisner, Louise Vanicelli, Dick Lund

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked for approval of the Minutes of May, 2008 and June 2008. Both were approved as corrected. The Clerk asked for authorization for the payment of dues to the Michigan Municipal League. Councilmember Haines approved the membership dues. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk has had no further replies from residents notified by letter of the City’s ownership of the 20’ Strip. She reported the suspension of the Wireless Oakland Project due to the inability to obtain funding for its continuation.

Comments from Residents: Heidi Hoyles reported that Jamie Crachiola’s uncle had had his boat on the Lake over the weekend and the boat is not registered at Lake Angelus. It must have MC#s registered at Lake Angelus to be allowed to be used on the Lake. All residents should have MC#s for boats over 16 feet. The boat ramp is always locked. Ms. Hoyles also commented that the fireworks seemed shorter and did not compare with those being displayed at Lake Oakland. Perhaps the City should budget more money for the fireworks. The Waterford Fire Department was on the scene and did an excellent job. A great deal of debris fell onto the Kresge property.

Dick Lund commented that he is having problems with the Oakland County Road Commission regarding easements for a surveillance system. He asked for help from the Council to get through to them. Councilmember Cabot had heard from numerous residents who feel that the cost of a system like this is too great for the City to take on. Mayor McNew indicated that approximately $410,000 plus maintenance would be needed. Mr. Lund has heard from other residents who are in favor of such a system. He felt that the City should hold an informational meeting to ascertain interest. Mr. Cabot compared the system to fire protection, which he noted was essential, the security system not being in the same category. Leon Pedell felt that to pay for such a system, an increase in taxes would be required. Treasurer Frakes indicated that it would take all of the resources that the City has to do it. Mr. Lund felt that property values are at stake. Heidi Hoyles suggested a yes/no question on the website. Mr. Cabot felt that an informational public meeting might be helpful. The Mayor asked for opinions from the Council. Councilmember Haines felt that a committee should be appointed to get all of the information together and make a presentation to determine whether Mr. Lund should go forward. Councilmember Storrie questioned the need related to the costs, which would be ongoing, and recommended not to pursue. Mr. Cabot indicated that he was in favor of gathering information but that there were a lot of ways to spend the money required for this project. His general feeling was not to pursue. Councilmember Lembke
worried about the amount of money required. Mr. Lund argued that the system provided more eyes for the police department. It will require $1600/month in maintenance fees forever. He wishes to get help from RCOC to obtain easements. Mr. Storrie will try to help with this.

Police Chief, John Roehrig, gave the Department report. Mayor McNew was concerned about the time it will take to review the new policy manual. She will print it in sections and get it to Councilmembers to review. 85% of boat inspections have been done by the reserve officers. Chief Roehrig and Dick Lund will work with the Waterford Fire Department regarding signage. Mrs. McNew read a letter from Dr. Kantrowitz complementing the Police Department. Recent officer training has been recertification in CPR and First Aid from the Waterford Fire Department. Chief Roehrig complemented the work of Officer Prosser and asked for a week of vacation time for him. Councilmember Haines moved to allow four days of vacation for Officer Prosser setting no precedent. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Cabot suggested simplifying the no-wake rule to be from 9 am to 8 pm Memorial Day to Labor Day. At all other times of the year it would be from 9 am to 7 pm. Mr. Cabot will formalize the rule in writing for the next meeting.

Treasurer Frakes presented the financial reports. She reviewed the warrants for the preceding month. She indicated that the financial year closed $100,000 over the previous year indicating that costs have been controlled. Mrs. Frakes reviewed the closing figures for all funds. Expenses are still exceeding revenues slightly in the Building Department. Transfers in the Major Road Funds were shown. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#15123 to Linda Burton for $1000 #15126 to Billington Services for $1345
#15127 to Aquatic Services for $10,197.50 #15141 to Oakland County for $783.67
#15157 to Voyager Fleet for $1129.79 #15160 to Hafeli, Staran for $1763.58
#15162 to Code Enforcement for $1720
Mrs. Frakes indicated that a CD was expiring on July 11 recommending investing with Clarkston State Bank for one or two years. Councilmember Haines moved to invest for two years. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Tax bills have been sent out and payments are being received. Councilmember Lembke noted that before the Shea’s bond money is refunded, the drainage system must be working.

Leon Pedell, Chair of the Environmental Quality Board, reported that the Board had met on June 25th. The Board unanimously approved of the sewer easements requested by Mike Daniels. It also unanimously approved the phragmite eradication project. Aquatic Services, the company that did the herbiciding in the Lake, bid $3400 for a two year removal project. Jeff Knox will be coming out this week to evaluate weed treatment. The Board felt that the phragmite problem north of the barn was manageable. The plant has not been detected anywhere else in the City. Starr Foster will supervise the eradication and observe elsewhere in the City. Attorney Christ had reviewed the contract and had some questions. Aquatic Services will be asked to clarify the length of the contract. Councilmember Haines moved to approve a two-year contract with Aquatic
Services for $3400 contingent upon the language of the contract being approved by Attorney Christ. Regarding the created wetland along Baldwin Road, the Board recommended doing nothing. Regarding the water quality testing, the Board considered proposals from Bureau Veritas and Progressive AE and recommended Bureau Veritas because of the history gathered over the past 20 years showing potential trends. The cost of the analysis will be $2700. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the contract pending review by Attorney Christ. Councilmember Lembke seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor McNew had noticed a break in the dam on the right side at the Kresges. That is as it should be, but it does need to be checked at N. Lake Angelus Road. Jeff Knox of Aquatic Services will recommend a different version of herbicide for next year’s weed treatment.

The Road report was given by Councilmember Storrie. The Waterford tri-party agreement will be presented to the Waterford Council for approval. The entire length of North Lake Angelus Road has been graded. Mr. Storrie has the Auburn Hills tri-party agreement. He had no report on dust control. It will be three to six weeks before supergravel is applied.

Planning Commission: There was no meeting in June. Leon Genre has been asked for the daily log. One stop work order was issued on Gray Woods Lane (Glantz). Although work continued it is now stopped. There are issues that will have to be brought back to the Planning Commission. There are other violations that need to be considered. Mr. Greenlea, also on Gray Woods Lane, has been building a stone path to the Lake. It is unknown whether new stonework is in the sideyard. Mayor McNew noted that there had been no review of the Master Plan since 1999. The Planning Commission needs to review it to determine whether revisions are required. She will speak with Forrest Milzow, Chair of the Planning Commission, about this. Attorney Christ noted that the Planning Commission is supposed to meet at least four times in a calendar year.

Bill Lembke reported on City Property. Two contractors have looked at the ceiling in the City Hall. One bid has been received. There are three ceilings above that will have to be removed. The bid to remove the ceilings and install dry wall, not including insulation and electrical work, was $36,000. Mr. Lembke will try to get additional bids.

Councilmember Storrie brought up the subject of boat storage. The reasons for abandoning the storage area next to the barn were discussed. Mr. Storrie felt that the land around the Police Department could be controlled by the police and could not be seen. Councilmember Cabot felt that it would be environmentally ugly and would create a storm of protest. Dr. Pedell felt that an environmental problem might be caused by partially filled gas tanks. There are properties around the Lake that have had items piled up for years. It may be important to review the ordinances to make them less ambiguous and enforceable. A blight ordinance may help. Uniform enforcement would be required. Attorney Christ will seek out pertinent ordinances of other communities for review.

Attorney Christ informed the Council that a 1966 contract between the Village and the County establishes the lake level and sets forth maintenance provisions of good repair.
There is no reference to ‘years’ in the contract. Regarding tree protection, the Planning Commission did study the issue a number of years ago. It is a complicated issue requiring a complex ordinance. The Council would need to identify what is wanted in this setting. Dick Lund questioned encroachment into the rights of individual property owners. He felt he should be able to do what he wants on his own property. Mr. Christ noted that some ordinances are more intrusive than others. Mr. Christ has had a meeting with Mike Daniels regarding the sewer project. Mr. Daniels will continue to talk with neighbors and with the County.

Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved:  

Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor  
Rosalie Lake, Clerk