LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2008

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

Visitors: Ginny Leever

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for approval of the Minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2008. Minutes were approved as corrected with appreciation to Julie Frakes for her detailed notes of the business of the meeting.

The Clerk reported that an election would be held on May 6, 2008 to fill one seat on the Pontiac School Board. The Board of Review was meeting on Monday, Thursday and Saturday of the present week. Two or three appointments had been made for Saturday. No response has been received from the Interim Superintendent of the Pontiac School District regarding the letter about the city-owned property at N. Lake Angelus Road and Baldwin. A new estimate of costs has been received from the coordinator of the No-Haz program after the City of Pontiac dropped out of the program. The increase for Lake Angelus amounts to about $2. Regarding the 20’ Strip, the Clerk has the addresses on Beacham Rd. that were used to communicate with these residents in the past and Attorney Christ has provided a template for a letter. Dick Lund has agreed to help to identify the rest of the residents abutting the Strip. New ordinances have been posted in the appropriate four locations required for publication.

Comments from Residents: Leon Pedell indicated that a bill was paid by Starr Foster for the harvesting of phragmity. Overall, the company did a poor job, although they did do some cutting. Approval for the amount was not obtained from the Council and the bill was not authorized for payment. Dr. Pedell suggested ways to deal with phragmity and favored cutting and burning in late summer. All agreed that nothing would be done until then.

Julie Frakes will try to get students to clean the berm for community service hours. She wished to purchase gloves and supplies for them. Councilmember Haines moved to provide $50 for the project. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, John Roehrig, gave the Department report. Three sections have been completed and distributed to the Council. Three more are in the works and will be provided by the next meeting. As officers leave the Department, a letter of resignation should be submitted by the officer as a matter of policy. The Chief reviewed the idea of a bicycle patrol. Officers can hear and see things they are not exposed to in a car and it brings the officers closer to the people. The cost for a bicycle and equipment would be about $1200 and training, another $500. After discussion, the Council agreed not to pursue the idea. Ginny Leever agreed to order a new flag for City Hall as the present one is in tatters. Councilmember Cabot moved to provide funds for this. Councilmember Lembke seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Haines requested that
the Council meetings begin with a pledge to the flag as is done in Waterford. Councilmembers agreed. The issue of a security presence was discussed. The Chief advised against using an active car as a decoy, but agreed to incorporate into the officers routine to stop and sit for awhile at key access points to the City.

Environmental Quality Board: A DEQ permit has been applied for to treat weeds in the Lake. Board Chair, Leon Pedell, provided a contract from Aquatic Services. Attorney Christ made several suggestions regarding the contract; no amount was quoted in the contract which ought to be a not-to-exceed amount, and insurance should be indicated. Dr. Pedell will deal with these things and have the contract ready for the next meeting. Three bids have been obtained for a weed survey in May. The lowest was Progressive AE at $2500. The company is capable of doing all that Clayton has done for the City in the past in the way of water survey. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the bid of Progressive AE for $2500 for the weed survey. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Pedell will request a formal contract from Progressive AE.

Goose Busters will fax an application from the DNR for a permit for a Canadian Goose round-up. If the egg harvest is successful, the round-up will not be necessary. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the application for a permit for a round-up of Canadian Geese. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Voting Aye: McNew, Lembke, Cabot and Storrie. Councilmember Haines abstained.

Permitting has been acquired for the wetlands project which will resume in the spring. Attorney Christ will review the contract for mosquito control – larviciding, adult testing, and spraying if West Nile disease is detected. No further bids will be sought.

Roads: Councilmember Storrie reported that he had not gotten in touch Tom Noechel. He did contact Ron Melchert of Auburn Hills and informed him that the City was not interested in paving but was interested in a supergravel treatment of N. Lake Angelus Road. Mr. Melchert will try to get approval for the tri-party expenditure. Steve Korth of the Oakland County Drain Commission does not sound enthusiastic about solving the Sinking Drain problem. Attorney Christ asked whether the drain was designed properly and whose fault it was that it did not work correctly. Steve Korth had confirmed that it was not built according to plan. The Road Commission did the work. The statute of limitation is six years from the completion of the project. The question appears to be: how do we fix it rather than who do we blame. The city should continue talking with Steve Korth, and, also, John Simpson should be consulted in the spring about native planting.

Planning Commission: No meeting was held in February. Mayor McNew, Planning Commission Chair, Forrest Milzow and Vice Chair, Bill Lembke will meet with Dick Carlisle and Brian Oppmann on March 13 to discuss Code Enforcement fees. The ongoing discussion about the grading ordinance issue has more to do with what is done when a house is demolished.
Treasurer, Julie Frakes, reviewed the warrants, profit and loss accounting, and balance sheets. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the financial reports, noting those warrants above $500. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#14895 to Linda Burton for $1000 #14896 to Zambelli for $4000
#14904 to State of MI DEQ for $800 #14919 to Voyager Fleet for $713.19

A committee to explore and determine the Bob and Barbara Lake Restoration Fund expenditure was proposed: Patrick McNew, Gretchen Adler and Peggy Kresge. Mrs. Frakes will contact these residents to see if they are willing to serve.

The 2007 Tax Year Settlement is being done.

Budget worksheets for 2008-2009 have been distributed and are to be returned to the Treasurer by the April 8\textsuperscript{th}. The budget committee will meet in early May.

A bill for the City’s audit has been received from Janz and Knight.

The City’s domain names expire on April 30, 2008. They can be renewed through IGD for 9 years for $135 each, totaling $270. Councilmember Cabot moved to make it so. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Insurance: Councilmember Cabot reported that the Michigan Municipal League does not provide liability coverage over $10 million. We already have sufficient coverage with MMRMA which covers a number of communities and returns funds not expended. Workers compensation will reduce significantly in the future.

The Legal report was given by Attorney, Dan Christ. Regarding the Mrsan property, the Waterford portion of the property is zoned single family residential. The community of residence will be established later. Mr. Mrsan is replatting the property again. The fire contract with Waterford provides for an automatic escalation of 5\% per year. This was felt to be considerable. Councilmember Haines will open the subject with Chief Storres.

The Treasurer and the Budget Subcommittee will look at moving funds from the Major Road Fund to the Local Road Fund as part of the budget revision process.

Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk