MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2008

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers Bill Lembke, Karl Storrie, Jon Cabot, Gail Haines; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Deputy Treasurer, Pam Cabot; Attorney, Dan Christ, Police Chief, John Roehrig; Environmental Board Chair, Leon Pedell; Building Official, Leon Genre
Absent: Councilmember, Karl Storrie
Visitors: Heidi Hoyles, Starr Foster, Dick Lund, Ginny Leever

Mayor McNew called the meeting to order at 7 pm and requested a change in the agenda order to place Leon Genre at the beginning of the meeting. Councilmember Cabot so moved. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McNew requested approval of the Minutes of April 8, 2008. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Building Official, Leon Genre, introduced himself as the point person for inspections, working with Brian Oppmann for planning aspects for the City. He is in the Code Enforcement offices in Clarkston regularly on Tuesday and Thursday. Mayor McNew expressed appreciation for the Log. She inquired about a drainage issue of discharge into the Lake. Mr. Genre identified the discharge as well water, having no contaminants and doing no harm to the Lake. It was approved by the Planning Commission after lengthy discussion. A home under construction on Gray Woods Lane has more square footage than allowed. Mr. Genre will deal with this before a certificate of occupancy is issued. Regarding the drainage on the Shea property, an easement agreement between the Chase and Shea properties has been signed. A maintenance agreement has to be part of the recording of the easement. Mr. Chase is working on this. Councilmember Lembke and Dick Lund expressed serious concerns about whether the drain will work. When the final deposit is ready to be paid back to the Sheas, an evaluation of the drain should be made. The Pykkonen family has a permit for interior remodeling.

Clerks report: Now that the parking lot has been reconfigured, the Clerk requested that the City mailbox be moved so that a driver can make a continuous circle to use the box. The first No-Haz collection will be held on May 31st at Oakland University. The Pontiac School District election was so poorly attended throughout the district that it is hoped that Pontiac will move its election date. Many thanks to our election inspectors who gave part of a day regardless of a disappointing turnout. The supply of envelopes with the City logo on them is depleted. The Council approved having more printed. Certified letters have been sent to all residents whose property abuts the 20foot Strip. Ms. Lake, speaking as a private resident, asked the Council for permission to use the City Barn for a Memorial Community Picnic for her father, to which all Lake Angelus residents would be invited. There would be no cost to the City. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the use. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Attorney Christ indicated that changing the Board of Review meeting days can be done by resolution. Councilmember Cabot moved to hold Board of Review meetings on Tuesday from 6 pm to 9 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to noon during the weeks that the
Board is required to meet. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Councilmember Haines will speak with Erika Frickel and Gretchen Hurlbert about the compilation of ordinances and elicit their opinion about the best way to publish them on the website.

Comments from Residents: Starr Foster recommended pulling Buckthorn on City property. Environmental Board Chair, Leon Pedell, indicated that three companies will submit bids for eradicating Fragmity: Aquatic Services, which does the herbiciding in the Lake, SEAS, and Davey Tree Service. It will be done in August or September.
It was requested that extra copies of the agenda be printed for the meetings. Mayor McNew affirmed the Council’s regard for residents who attend the meetings and hoped to make all meetings resident friendly. Heidi Hoyles reported that the Police were out early and had already done an inspection on their boat. The officers will make notes on who has been inspected and what the outcomes are. Stickers will be given to inspected boat owners. Councilmember Cabot suggested having an inspection day. A list of what is required for this inspection, together with the date, will be published. Joyce Lund is accepting updated information for a new Directory. Many residents want a duplicate copy. Mrs. Lund can determine how many copies might be needed.

Chief John Roehrig gave the Police Department report. All of the original nine items for the Police Manual have been completed. Four more have been worked on and are ready to be reviewed by Attorney Christ. Mr. Christ will have a draft ready of all new items for the next meeting. Officer Don McClellan was complemented for his fine work on this project. Reserve officers are on the Lake and in training. There have been incidents of non-resident use and non-compliant boats. The Police Department can request the service of people who need community service hours through the court system. They would be able to help clean the barn or the berm. Dr. Pedell reported that on May 19th, Progressive AE will be on the Lake and the week after the Aquatic Services airboat will be on the Lake to treat the weeds.

Dick Lund gave an update on his research into a video surveillance system. He indicated that several of the cameras required would not be located on City property. Rights-of-way would have to be acquired from the Oakland County Road Commission. The legality of taking pictures of every license plate that comes into the City was discussed. Attorney Christ indicated that it was already legal to record licenses. The question arises as to the use of the information. There would be a 30 day time period on each camera. Fourteen cameras would be placed, of these 7 would be in Waterford, 2 in Auburn Hills, and 1 in Pontiac. The cameras make a 24 hour record of every car coming into Lake Angelus. Mr. Christ noted that, as a general matter, the City has the right to protect its citizens. Mr. Lund will continue to try to get a bid finalized. The City would then need to look to the issue of easements.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, gave the financial reports. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the warrants noting those over $500. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
#14993 to Waterford Fire Dept for $45,228.07  #14994 to 21st Cent News for $1153.48
#14996 to Linda Burton for $1000                     #14998 to Billington Serv for $850
There is plenty of money in the Environmental account and the Profit and Loss sheet looks healthy. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the Treasures report. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Michigan Transportation Department is requiring the City to file a longer form for the Road Funds than in the past. The 2008 tax information is becoming available. Mrs. Frakes will begin the process of setting up the tax bills. An amended budget for 2007-2008 was reviewed. There is still money for projects to be completed by June 30, 2008. Mrs. Frakes also prepared a proposal for an amended Road Budget due an ability to transfer 50% instead of 25% from the Major Road Fund to the Local Road Fund. Councilmember Haines moved to approve both amended budgets. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The proposed budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009 was presented. Mrs. Frakes recommended staying at the current tax rate. Each item on the budget was reviewed. The approved amended budget was compared to the new budget. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the new budget for Public Hearing. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Board Chair, Leon Pedell gave the Board report. The wetlands project is done and functioning. The Milfoil treatment will be done soon. Water testing will be done two weeks after the treatment and the ban on watering grass and particularly flower beds will be lifted. An announcement will be made when the testing is done. Swimming probably should not be resumed for 24 hours. The restrictions are the same for every property regardless of proximity to the treated areas. Fragmity treatment will be bid in June. Dr. Pedell asked to be allowed to get two bids, rather than three, for the water quality survey, one from the Clayton Group and one from Progressive AE. Councilmember Haines moved to allow two bids. Councilmember Cabot seconded. John Simpson will look at the wetlands east of Baldwin Road to determine where the water on City property is coming from. He can remove dead trees and do native planting in this area. It would not require a DEQ permit. He will map the area at no cost. A solution may be in the $10,000-$12,000 range. Dr. Pedell was complemented by the Council for his work. He responded that the environmental impact has been immediate.

Roads: Councilmember Storrie was absent from the meeting. Mayor McNew has seen tri-party agreements for some of the communities but not all. Allan Schneck put forth the proposal to Pontiac that the RCOC would maintain Gallogly Road. The Pontiac City Council voted in favor of it. Details still have to be worked out.

Planning Commission: A meeting was not held in April. Council liaison, Bill Lembke felt that there was little hope for a boat storage solution as almost all current storage would be grandfathered. It might be worth while to let people know that the City is looking at it.

Leon Pedell had called several companies who might be able to provide the services that Carlisle Wortman’s Code Enforcement provides for the City currently. Two companies
refused. Waterford could provide some services, but not record storage or ordinance work. Carlisle Wortman has modified its contract. Forrest Milzow, Planning Commission Chair, and Dr. Pedell recommended that the City retain Carlisle Wortman at their reduced fees. Councilmember Cabot moved to extend the meeting beyond 9 pm. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Cabot moved to accept the revised contract from Carlisle Wortman. Councilmember Lembke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McNew has received the reconfigured plat of the Mrsan property. Attorney Christ has reviewed it. It increases the Lake frontage on some of the lots. Mr. Mrsan has reconfigured one of the lots out of the master condominium plan. The consent judgment provides that the City must respond within 45 days. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the proposed reconfiguration of the Mrsan property as set forth in the submittal made to the City. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk will send the letter of approval to Keift Engineering and a copy to Shirley Carpenter and Mr. Mrsan.

City Property: Dead ash trees near or on the berm have been removed. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve $600 to remove more dead trees. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lembke has had six trees planted on the berm for $65 each. He has a bill for mulch for trees on the berm and at City Hall. The seedlings he planted are doing well. Dr. Cabot put reflectors at the end of the old driveway.

Attorney, Dan Christ gave the legal report. Pierre Beaudet had contacted Mr. Christ to determine whether the City can assist with a special assessment district to help maintain a private road. Mr. Christ’s preliminary response is tenuous. Councilmembers worried about becoming involved with private roads in general.

A seaplane was noticed low over the Lake. Goose Busters destroyed 11 nests and 53 eggs of Canadian geese.

Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 10, 2008 at 7 pm.

Approved, Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk