MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 9, 2007

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

Absent: Councilmember Gail Haines
Visitors: Linda Burton, City Assessor; Brad Rachwal, Bob Bailey, Karl Storrie, Heidi Hoyles, Gretchen Adler, Michelle Drake

Mayor Beaudet called the meeting to order at 7:32. He requested a change in order of the agenda and introduced Linda Burton, Lake Angelus City Assessor. Linda has been a real estate appraiser for over 20 years and has been the appraiser for Lake Angelus since 1990. She is charged with determining the value of properties at Lake Angelus. She discussed the cap on property values and under what conditions the taxable value remains the same. Assessed value is based on sales in the area. This year there have been few sales making values difficult to determine. Most of Oakland County is using a 1-year sales study; usually it has been a 2-year study. In answering questions, she discussed the assessed value, which is changed by the inflation rate vs. taxable value.

Chief Roehrig provided the Police Department Monthly Report. The new Durango has been delivered. The graphics have not yet been applied, but the Chief showed an example of what they will look like and the Council approved. The old car will be ready to receive bids.

Environmental Quality: Mayor Beaudet received a call from the new Auburn Hills City Manager, Mr. Culpepper regarding the paving of North Lake Angelus Road. Dr. Beaudet advised Mr. Culpepper that Lake Angelus had signed an agreement which Mr. Culpepper had not yet seen. There are a number of environmental issues that will need to be modified at this time. The citizens on N. Lake Angelus Road have been going to the Auburn Hills City Council about the road. Councilmember Drake thought the process might have to be started all over again, however, the Road Commission does not have the funds to take up the increase in costs.

Leon Pedell reported that John Simpson has reviewed the agreed-upon three acres of wetland and thought it would be an ideal place to do a wetlands restoration. He had met with the DEQ in the spring and they thought it would be an excellent project. It could play a part in weed control in the Lake. At the inlet, where the Harmonic Drain enters, the Restoration Project would flatten out the area and put in a rock apron, spreading out the flow of water and slowing it down so that the sediments would drop out and plant growth could occur. At the outlet west of the driveway, an earth and rock berm would be built to restore water back into the wetlands. All materials used would be natural products. The water flow would be slowed and would choke out phragmity and other invasive species. Possible funding might come from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which has a program for restoring wetlands. The proposal, including covering Mr. Simpson’s costs of $2500, and including $2000-$5000 for earthwork, should be under $10,000 and may be less if funding can be found. Dr. Beaudet indicated that he and Bruce Kresge had spoken with Sean Keenan and Mr. Keenan assured them that the Harmonic Drain has been reconstructed properly and that the increased water flow is a natural occurrence and Auburn Hills is not responsible for it. Mr. Simpson has gone ahead and applied for a permit and expects to have it within 45 days. The project still needs to be put out for bids. Councilmember Drake moved to approve the project for bids with an expenditure cap of $10,000. Councilmember Lembke seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Simpson has a good contractor and can get another. Once he has bids, he will send them to the City.
Dr. Pedell also reported on phragmity eradication. Derek Crawford found phragmity too late to eradicate it this year. Dr. Pedell is looking for volunteers to cut and burn it rather than herbicide. On October 23rd, John McCullough will hold a meeting regarding a Master Plan for Sewers and Water in Oakland County. Each city will receive a CD with recommendations for their community. Dr. Pedell will evaluate the materials. The final expenditure for the tennis courts is $15.85 for storage barrels. The budget for tennis court maintenance can be cut to $500 per year.

Mayor Beaudet requested approval of the Minutes of the September 11, 2007 Council meeting. Minutes were approved as submitted. Clerk Lake presented an agreement with Oakland County for election services for the next three years. Councilmember McNew moved to approve the “Agreement for Ballot Layout and Programming Services Between Oakland County and the City of Lake Angelus” and authorize Mayor Beaudet to sign it on behalf of the City. Councilmember Lembke seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The question was asked about getting the ordinances on the website. It is expected that the codifying company can help to facilitate this when the latest group of ordinances are codified. The Clerk will check on the availability of the new County maps.

Resident Comments: City Property Manager, Bill Lembke, would like to get the culvert on Gallogly Road done before winter. He will seek bids. He needs to have $1600 allocated for the project. Councilmember McNew moved to approve the $1600 for the culvert. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Heidi Hoyles inquired about deer hunting this season. Councilmember Drake moved to allow bow hunting per state laws using the regulations that were used last year, guests must hunt with a resident and check in with the police department. Councilmember McNew seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Karl Storrie inquired about the plans for the Halloween hayride. The ride will leave City Hall at 6 pm. The Dammons are in charge. Linda and Barney Jacobs want to have a garage sale in the City Hall parking lot. They may have a garage sale but not in the City parking lot.

Roads: There must have been some agreement between Pontiac and Lake Angelus for maintaining Gallogly Road and Pontiac must be getting funds for it from somewhere as they have been unwilling to relinquish it. Hubble, Roth and Clark was asked to determine whether the road is in Pontiac or in Lake Angelus. They concluded that it meanders. The driving portion of the road may be north of the boundary line between the cities. The right of way is more than just that portion by perhaps 30 feet. It is unknown how Pontiac came to maintain it.

Planning Commission: The drainage problems are ongoing at Chases, Sheas and Biggers. Chases property may be for sale. There is not adequate protection for erosion into the Lake at Greenlees (former Murray). Leon Genre will become the new building inspector.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented her monthly report reviewing warrants over $500. Councilmember Drake moved to approve the warrants noting those over $500. Councilmember McNew seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#14605 to Milosch Dodge for $25,044   #void EFT to State of MI for $600
#14612 to OCRC for $2841.70    #14613 to Johnson Lewis for $2755
#14616 to Hafeli, Staran for $2287.35  #14635 Voyager Fleet for $740.15
#14638 to MI Municipal for $13,755  #14639 Billington Services for $785
#14641 to Oakland County for $1902.10 #14611 to Linda Burton for $1000
National City Bank is no longer charging an electronic fee. Summer taxes have been received for all
but seven parcels. Chief Roehrig requested $100 for an International Association of Chiefs of Police. Councilmember McNew moved to approve $100 for the Chief. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


Attorney, Dan Christ, reviewed the agreement with ASTI for the work on the wetlands and recommended it for Mayor Beaudet’s signature. Mr. Christ presented a draft of the additions to the Lake Angelus Boating and Safety Rules, #9 and #10. After some discussion, Councilmember Drake moved to adopt the additions including a phrase, ‘launching/using’, in the last line of #9 which Mr. Christ will incorporate into the final copy. Councilmember McNew seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ordinance #115, an ordinance to add Chapter 1050, Special Assessments, to the codified ordinances of the City was reviewed. Councilmember McNew moved to adopt Ordinance #115. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Mayor Beaudet adjourned the meeting and confirmed the next regular meeting for November 13, 2007.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Pierre Beaudet, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk