

Notice of this meeting was given in advance with legal notice posted in the Bridgeport Newsblade. An agenda was delivered to each board member and to the city office.

Meeting was called to order on August 1st, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Roll call was taken. Members present: Thomas Millette, Amanda Reilly, Nancy Wallesen, Chuck Murrell. Absent: Janelle Galvan.

Also present: Library Director, Melissa Butler

Chairperson Chuck Murrell announced: "In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a copy of the Open Meeting Act is available for review and is posted in the meeting room."

Minutes of the July 2023 meeting were presented. Motion by Wallesen, second by Reilly to approve the minutes. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Wallesen, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Galvan. Motion carried.

Bills were presented. Butler noted two new all-in-one computers for the teens have been purchased using state fund. Motion by Reilly, seconded by Millette, to approve the bills. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Wallesen, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Galvan. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Butler attended the first city council budget meeting and presented the library's proposed budget. The Mayor Beyer is working on a pay scale to take into account the increases in minimum wage for Nebraska. Butler reminded the Mayor of the uniqueness of the relationship between the library, the library board, and the city council. Unlike other departments, the library board of directors set employee pay. The pay is contingent on the budget given by the city council.

Our janitorial service has asked for an increase of \$10 per cleaning. The contract with them is with the city and has not been updated since 2013. Butler has been informed there is a check list and she will be speaking with Parker to see if he has a copy, as the city does not have a copy nor can Butler find one.

NEW BUSINESS

Butler attended a meeting for the new Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce as a representative for Bridgeport patrons and will likely volunteer to be on one of the committees. The paperwork for the state has been completed and the interim chamber members are waiting on approval.

The yearly meeting for the Western Library System was held this morning. Butler attended and learned more about E-Rates (for saving money on internet access) and other federal grants available for fiber infrastructure. A part of these grants are dependent on CIPA compliance. We are already compliant with the service we purchase yearly, but the Nebraska Library Commission is offering a free option, DNS filtering, for all Nebraska libraries. Butler will be looking into receiving this service in the upcoming year.

The board watched a video on Board Ethics through United for Libraries for CE hours.

DISCUSSION

Wallesen has been given permission from PWCC to set up a donation bookshelf for the library. Murrell and Wallesen will coordinate with Butler to pick up boxes. Galvan has been looking into a service to sell books online and will bring details to the next meeting.

Motion by Reilly to adjourn, seconded by Wallesen. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Wallesen, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Galvan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5th at 5:30 pm.