

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 July 11, 2023 at 5:31 pm. Roll call was taken. Members present: Thomas Millette, Amanda Reilly, Janelle Galvan, Chuck Murrell. Absent: Nancy Wallesen.

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

Bills were presented. Motion by Reilly, seconded by Galvan, to approve the bills. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Galvan, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Wallesen. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Butler presented the new board bylaws for a second reading. Motion by Millette to adopt the new board bylaws, seconded by Reilly. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Galvan, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Wallesen. Motion carried.

Butler presented the proposed budget for the 23-24 fiscal year. She pointed out a large increase in gas due to the increased prices during the last winter season. Also of note is 5% increase in salaries due to Nebraska minimum wage increases. Butler's insurance is much lower compared to previous years, and she is considering dropping the city's insurance, so she has decreased this amount. Galvan suggested Butler ask for \$500 a month in lieu of a pay increase, which would be half the price of the current monthly insurance. The board agreed with this and the remainder of the budget recommendations. Galvan moved to accept the proposed budget. Reilly seconded. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Galvan, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Wallesen. Motion carried.

Butler had dismal Summer Reading numbers this year. After discussions with other youth leaders in the community, many groups had lower numbers than normal this year. To counter this next summer, Butler plans on trying to collaborate with the school during summer school and is working on a new plan for the last two weeks of June. The teen group is still meeting most weeks.

#### NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

#### DISCUSSION

Murrell asked about books left from the book sale. Butler said they are in her personal basement, and unfortunately Thriftbooks is not an option because the library cannot guarantee 1000 books per year. Galvan will do research on other options for leftover books.

Motion by Millette to adjourn at 5:33 pm, seconded by Reilly. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Galvan, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Wallesen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8th at 5:30 pm.