
Minutes: Meeting of Abilene Public Library Board June 9, 2020

Roll call

Present

Absent

Wendy Moulton

Marilyn Holt

Amanda Cormack

Sheryl Davidson

Carri McMahan

Sandy Foltz

Kara Cromwell

Chris Ostermann, mayor

Sheila Biggs

Elly Cauthon

Cindy Montgomery

Meeting called to order by president Sheila Biggs.

Sheila welcomed new board member Cindy Montgomery.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve minutes and financial report: move to approve, Carri McMahan; seconded Elly Cauthon; approved.

Loyalty Oath and Conflict of Interest policy: Cindy Montgomery as new member signed loyalty oath; all board members given conflict of interest policy form to sign.

Director's Report: See Wendy's report.

Children and Teen Services: Sheryl handed out 2020 Summer Reading Program Guide; number of people attending programs will be restricted for social distancing. Added that last library programs for youth are prepared to go online and had 5 pop-up libraries on lawn.

Board went into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel and early retirement policy. Motion to go into executive session; moved by Marilyn Holt; seconded by Elly Cauthon; approved.

Motion to leave executive session; moved by Amanda Cormack; seconded by Elly Cauthon; approved.

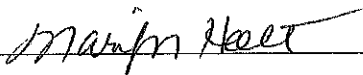
Action Items:

1. Early Retirement Option: Option considered due to the present economic situation in which city is offering employees early retirement option. The library's option offers early retirement to those who met the criteria. Motion to approve option policy with addendum that notes this is result of economic and budgetary effects brought on by Covid-19. Moved to approve option, Amanda Cormack; seconded, Elly Cauthon; approved.

2. 2021 Budget: Discussed approving proposed budget with step increases; expected downturn of city revenues; City Commission request that all departments cut back projected budgets; shortening library hours as cost-saving measure; lack of information on mill levy. No action taken to approve budget. Board will meet on June 24 to again consider budget before it is to be presented to City Commission on July 6.

Motion to adjourn: moved by Amanda Foltz; seconded Carri McMahon; approved.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 14, 2020



Submitted, Marilyn Holt, June 10, 2020