

Regular Meeting
September 3, 2020
Library Board of Trustees
Mountain Home Public Library
790 North 10th East – Mountain Home, ID

Chairperson: Bonnie Sharp
Vice Chair: James Green
Secretary/Treas: Mary Ellen Hale
Clerk for the Board: William Lamb

Board Members Present: Trustees Bonnie Sharp, Mary Ellen Hale (via phone), James Green, Rich Sykes

Excused: Brad Fesperman, Trustee; Matt Bundy, Council Liaison

Others Present: William Lamb, Library Director; Geoff Schroeder, Deputy City Attorney

Roll Call –Chair Sharp called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and a quorum was established. Chair Sharp noted Item 5, Reconsideration of cure for open meeting law violation from March 17, 2020 Special Meeting, would be pulled from the agenda as Robert’s Rules of Order do not allow the Board to take this up because of time constraints.

Public Input – None

Consent Agenda – ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE ACTION ITEMS.

- A. Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2020
- B. Approval of Bills: June 2020, July 2020, August 2020

Trustee Sykes asked about the Idaho Power invoice being higher than normal. Director Lamb noted with all the construction going on with the carpeting project that the AC has been turned down along with the doors being open periodically.

Trustee Green made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Trustee Sykes. Motion carried.

Policy Review –

A. **Section 1.00, Board of Trustees:**

Trustee Sykes advised he would like the Board to review two specific sections of this policy, along with the frequency of meetings, and will send his recommendations to Director Lamb for dissemination to the Board for the October meeting. The sections to be reviewed are Section 4. Vacancies and Section 5. Appointments.

Director Lamb noted that the frequency of meetings is decided in October of each year as part of the Board’s annual business meeting.

Old Business –

- A. Action Item: Reconsideration of cure for open meeting law violation from March 17, 2020 Special Meeting - PULLED

New Business –

- A. Action Item: Items removed from the consent section

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

- B. Action Item: Discussion/Decision on painting a mural on side of Library building.

The City of the Mountain Home has been declared the Mural Capital of Idaho and as part of that there was recently a discussion regarding painting a mural on the side of the Library building. Chair Sharp asked which sides of the building. Director Lamb advised during the initial discussion it would be the back-parking lot and wrapping around to the youth services area closest to North 10th East street. Lamb continued that the design of a mural would be books.

Trustee Sykes made a motion to approve a mural on the side of the library building with Council approval and pending artwork designs. Seconded by Trustee Hale. Motion carried.

- C. Action Item: Discussion/Decision on Color Copy Rate and setting public hearing date

Director Lamb advised the Board that as part of the FY21 budget they set aside money to provide color copies based on patron requests. As part of that he is recommending the Board set a new color copy rate of .30 cents per page and hold a public hearing at the October Board meeting.

Trustee Sykes asked how many free copies, like for resumes or job applications, are provided before someone is charged. Director Lamb advised that patrons pay for printing costs from the beginning and they do not provide x number of copies before charging. Lamb noted that, within reason, if someone needs a job application or a document for school and cannot pay the Library will provide it to the patron at no charge.

Trustee Green made a motion to set the color copy rate at .30 cents per page and have Director Lamb set the public hearing for the Board's October meeting. Seconded by Trustee Hale. Motion carried.

Director and Other Reports –

- Director Lamb advised that he had to give tremendous credit and thanks to the Library staff and Camas Carpet crews for all their hard work with the carpet project. Library staff have moved about 40,000 collection items and shelving so the carpet crews could work section by section.
- Electricians will be completing the LED fixture revamp over the next week which will complete the Library lighting project.
- Director Lamb noted that it was brought to his attention by the City of Mountain Home Community Development Director that the Library could benefit from a sidewalk being installed from East 8th North to connect into the Library's main sidewalk to provide better handicap accessibility.

Lamb continued that the Street Superintendent received a quote from Ytuarte Concrete to complete that project for \$1,500.00. The Board felt adding a sidewalk in that area would be a good idea and Director Lamb will move forward with that project.

- The Library currently has two positions open and will be advertising those shortly with the goal of hiring in October. The Board felt that was a good timeframe.
- Chair Sharp noted that she had requested the reconsideration of cure for open meeting law violation from March as she became aware about three months after the fact that she had violated the open meeting law by taking part in a serial meeting via email and wanted to change her initial no vote.

Sharp wanted it on the record that the violation actually involved three trustees; Sykes, Sharp and Hale and felt that Sykes being the Mayor and a Trustee was a conflict of interest that led to the open meeting violation in the sequence of emails that occurred.

Sharp continued that she had obtained a legal opinion from a personal attorney and would like it added into the record (On File).

Deputy City Attorney Schroeder advised the legal opinion obtained by Chair Sharp was for her personally and should not be taken as legal advice tendered to the Board as a whole.

Trustee Sykes advised he wanted it on the record that he stated, "We may have violated open meeting law."

Deputy City Attorney Schroeder remarked that while the Chair's personal legal opinion recommended certain courses of action, those recommendations again should not be construed as legal advice to the Board. Schroeder stated that the open meeting law violation had already been cured by a majority vote of the Board and his advice as the official legal counsel of the Board is the matter has already been closed and resolved.

Director Lamb advised the Board that he has made changes to how he informs the Board of relevant matters to stop the chances of a serial meeting in the future.

Adjourn –

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Green moved the meeting be adjourned at 5:46 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Sykes. Motion carried.

William Lamb, Library Director
and Clerk of the Board

Bonnie Sharp, Library Board Chair