

MINUTES OF A LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hansen at 6:10 pm.

Board Members Blake, Jeffs, Hansen, Talbot, Director Oryall, City Manager Reeves, Assistant City Manager Marker and Secretary Wagner were in attendance.

Invocation or Special thought

Vice Chair Blake offered the invocation

Chair's Report

Nothing to report

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer's financial report

Treasurer Knuth was not in attendance.

Library Director's Report

Director Oryall state that the summer reading planning was going well. The 3D printing class was finishing up and was a success that the kids enjoyed. The Nutty Professor club is still going twice a month and is doing well and will continue for now. Circulation is a little down, which is standard for the winter months. Chairperson Hansen asked if there was a way to find out information on people who check out books on the Utah State online library with their Santaquin Library cards, and find out if we can add that to the libraries circulation. Director Oryall stated she would check on that information for the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Nothing to report

Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comments

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Approval of February minutes, Chairperson Hansen motioned to approve, Vice Chair Blake seconded the motion and all approved. Policy training of the Bylaws and City Ordinance was conducted by Director Oryall. She explained that these bylaws and ordinances are almost standard across libraries. Most is out of the Utah state code, counties might have small variances.

Board member Talbot asked if there is an age limit for the library board. Appointment of a board member is done by the mayor and must be 18 years old and a resident of Santaquin.

This brought up questions of board members who will be leaving, so by July the board will need 2 new board members.

City Manager Reeves then presented the new library initiative (building of the new library/senior citizen's center) which was discussed in the January city council budget meeting. Which is also recorded in the city council minutes for further information about plans that were discussed.

A rendering of new plans was shown in which the senior center building would be built behind the library and connect them. It was proposed that the building would have 3 levels, the main floor for the senior center, the 2nd floor for library, and the 3rd floor would incorporate event space for things like UVU classes and create more of a learning and cultural space. The approval from city council for this will hopefully happen at their next meeting.

3-5 million is the estimated cost for this new building which will be partly covered by a bond and the rest by taxpayers that will be put to vote at this year's voting season. Where if approved would add a small fee to the citizens of Santaquin city bill. City Manager Reeves and Assistant City Manager Marker were excited to present this plan to the library board and to get their support and to let the community know of the growth the city can expect. Pictures were shown done by the architect of the other projects he has done on an old mill in a different city, showcasing the old buildings with the new.

Library board members would need to say that they have input and advocate to have this passed. As a city staff and employees can outline the legal and money amounts until it's on the ballot, after that it has to have grass roots advocating.

Directly benefits the citizens, not essential, not critical like police or public works. So, this benefits our community. Board members were encouraged to put input on the new library budget and building.

Board members voiced their concerns over possibilities of different buildings or lots, having it connected with the seniors center which may be able to expand and contract with the senior population and have it connected to the city bldg., and how responsibilities will be divided or any contention that may occur having the buildings connected. City Manager Reeves said that all those concerns would be addressed before anything is finalized. He also stated that it might be best to have a 'city center' where it already is, but making it easier to walk through and have a feel of connection. Whatever decision is made for the library, this will need to be able to grow with the community for at least 20-30 years, if not longer.

Other

Next Meeting

April 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Adjournment

At 7:05 pm Member Hansen motioned to adjourn, Board Member Jeffs seconded, and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Jennifer Hansen, Chair

Jennifer Wagner, Secretary