

Carthage Public Library District

Board of Trustees Meeting

September 8, 2025

A hearing for the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was held at 4:00 pm. No members of the public attended.

The September Board meeting was called to order by Vice President Sarah Talley. Members present were Dean McHugh, Sarah Talley, Andy Bastert, Ann Thompson and Director Amy Gee.

The Financial reports and Treasurer's reports were presented. We received the Tracy Family Foundation grant of \$50,000 for children's furnishings. This was put in the construction account.

The librarian's report was presented with the following points highlighted:

- We are looking for a new children's director as Deane left August 31.
- The "Lawyer in the Library" program has started.

Unfinished Business:

The TIF district discussion is still pending as Mayor Gary Smith has not contacted Amy yet.

\$71,023.05 of unexpended, unencumbered funds from the FY 2024-2025 year can go into the building fund or construction account. Sarah made a motion to allow Andy to transfer money from the building fund to the construction account as needed. Dean seconded this. The motion was approved.

For the Marine Bank checking account, we will remove Tori Buckert and Tammy Kost and add Sarah Gates. Authorized signers will be: Andy Bastert, Amy Gee, Wendy Hamer, Sarah Gates, Karen Garnett, and Lindsay Nichols.

NEW BUSINESS: No one attended the Budget Appropriation meeting before the board meeting. We had a roll call vote to approve the ordinance: Sarah yes, Ann yes, Andy yes, Dean yes and three were absent.

The City of Carthage was concerned that Friendship Park was overgrown and needed trimmed. Karen Garnett went and cleaned it up. It was discussed whether to try to sell it or donate it to the city.

Discussed a new amendment to the library law regarding non-resident cards. Boards may now allow the fees to be paid quarterly or biannually. Amy recommended that we update our "Types of Library Cards" policy to allow the option for half of the annual rate to be paid each six

months, and adding a statement to that effect on the ordinance. Motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Construction Project: The construction company representative, Billy Cramer, still thinks it will be completed in January.

There will be a special board meeting on September 22 at 4:30 to discuss the furnishings package with the architect.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy, seconded by Dean. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Thompson, Secretary Pro Tem

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