

**PIEDMONT LIBRARY BOARD**  
**Piedmont Public Library Meeting - 1129 Stout Drive**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Ben Oldham, Alan Watson, and Nedra Funk.

**ABSENT:** Glennis Peterman & Vice-Chair Shelia Urton

**STAFF PRESENT:** Librarian Rhonda Turley and City Secretary Arielle Garcia

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Ben Oldham called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – City Secretary Arielle Garcia called roll. A quorum was present.

Vice-Chair Shelia Urton came into the meeting at 5:34pm.

- 3) **CONSENT AGENDA** – All items on the consent agenda are non-controversial and may be approved by one motion for items.
  - a) Approval of a year to date financial report on the operating budget for the Library.
  - b) Approval of Minutes of the Piedmont Library Board meeting on November 6, 2019.

Chairman Ben Oldham addressed the board  
Brought attention to the spelling error on November's minutes.

Alan Watson made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction of the November's minutes.  
Motion was **seconded** by Chairman Ben Oldham.

**The Vote was:**

**AYE:** Chairman Ben Oldham, Vice-Chair Shelia Urton, Alan Watson, and Nedra Funk

**NAY:** None

- 4) **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None

- 5) **HEARING OF CITIZENS** - Topics to include those items *not listed in the agenda.*

None

- 6) **BUSINESS ITEMS** –

- a) **Discussion, consideration and possible action on removing fines for overdue books.**

City Librarian Rhonda Turley addressed the board  
Described the pros and cons that late fees have.  
-pro: the bring in small source of revenue  
-cons the possibility of teaching children responsibility

- con: it deters people to come back when they posse said late fee
- many people return book in drop box and don't pay late fee

Chairman Ben Oldham addressed the board

Points out that the fee has not kept up to afflation therefore the revenue does not bring much profit.

Nedra Funk addressed the board

Suggested a donation jar to be set at register and ask customers with a late fee to make a donation to the amount of customers choosing.

Nedra Funk made a motion to approve item a. Motion was **seconded** by Chairman Ben Oldham.

**The Vote was:**

**AYE:** Chairman Ben Oldham, Vice-Chair Shelia Urton, Alan Watson, and Nedra Funk

**NAY:** None

**7) NEW BUSINESS –**

- a) **“New business,” as used herein, shall mean any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting. (25 O.S. 311a(9))**

City Librarian Rhonda Turley addressed the board

Described the upcoming events held by the library within the next month. Wanting to add a couple of earlier events to the calendar due to the many people not wanting to attend after daylight hours. Trying to find more successful ways of getting the word out about events. Learned new ways to continue these events and cut back on expenses. Found that some businesses will donate supplies. A few of the events and classes being held are Air frying, Nutrition, and Paint pallets. Over all everything will continue moving forward as regular.

Vice-Chair Shelia Urton addressed the board

Asked if classes are fundraised or if attending classes is at a coast. In which classes are at a small cost to anyone that wishes to sign up to attend.

Alan Watson addressed the board

Mentioned how useful the tax seminar was that the library held.

**8) CITY STAFF COMMENTS –**

None

**9) BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS –**

None

**ADJOURN –**

Vice-Chair Sheila Urton made a motion to adjourn the Library meeting at 5:55pm. Motion was **seconded** by Chairman Ben Oldham.

**The Vote was:**

**AYE:** Chairman Ben Oldham, Vice-Chair Shelia Urton, Alan Watson, and Nedra Funk

**NAY:** None

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Chairman, Ben Oldham

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Secretary, Arielle Garcia