

**PIEDMONT LIBRARY BOARD
PIEDMONT CIVIC CENTER – 314 EDMOND RD**

Monday, April 7, 2008

All regular meetings of the Piedmont Library Board for the 2008 calendar year were set on December 15, 2007. Public notice of the Piedmont Library Board was posted at the George Fina Municipal Building Front Door on _____, 2008, at _____p.m.

Members Present: Chairman George Fina; Vice-Chairman Nedra Funk
Board Members Bruce Campbell and Andi
Boutwell

Members Absent: Board Member Ken Sauer

Staff Present: City Clerk Amanda Percival; Deputy City Clerk
Terri Kyger

CALL TO ORDER –

Chairman George Fina called the Piedmont Library Board to order at 5:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL –

Deputy City Clerk Terri Kyger called the role. There was a quorum present.

PRESENTATION -

CONSENT AGENDA – All items on the consent agenda are non-controversial and may be approved by one motion:

- a. **Approval of Minutes of the Piedmont Library Board meeting of March 3, 2008.**

Vice-Chairman Nedra Funk **made a motion, seconded by** Board Member Bruce Campbell to approve Consent Agenda Item 4a. **The vote was:**

AYE: Chairman George Fina; Vice-Chairman Nedra Funk; Board Members Bruce Campbell and Andi Boutwell

NAYE: None.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – Topics to include those items not listed in the agenda.

BUSINESS ITEMS –

a. Receive a report from Piedmont Library and Cultural Events Society (P.L.A.C.E.S.).

Jackie Robinson said PLACES had questions in regards to the librarian's salary. Mr. Robinson asked if the grant money could be applied towards her salary.

Chairman George Fina said most grants are paid out one time and would not be put towards wages. Mr. Fina said the City Council can vote on a \$5,000 increase for the Library each year.

City Clerk Amanda Percival said doing the budget, the numbers don't look good. Ms. Percival said the budget will be tighter this year and it will be up to the City Council if they increase the Library budget.

Mr. Robinson said as they go forward, there should be some clarification.

Mr. Fina said with the water and sewer situation, the City has a lot of obligations. Mr. Fina said PLACES can write up an agreement and the Library Board can look at it. Mr. Fina said he would like to look at the budget that was given to City Manager Michael Vaughn.

Board Member Bruce Campbell asked what action was needed to maintain the money the Library gets from the State. Mr. Campbell said he didn't think the City should ask PLACES for money. Mr. Campbell asked if there were any opportunities for the Library to generate money.

Mr. Fina said they shouldn't slow the growth of the Library by charging money.

Ms. Percival said no one wants to fund the Librarians salary with the grant money. Ms. Percival said Thursday, April 10, will be the City Council's first meeting addressing the budget and CIP. Ms. Percival said anyone is welcome to attend.

Board Member Andi Boutwell said the agreement needs to be updated and should be addressed annually.

Mr. Campbell said originally if the terms stayed the same, the agreement didn't need annual action.

b. Receive a year-to-date detailed financial report on the operating budget for the Library, and on donated memorial funds.

City Clerk Amanda Percival said a line item transfer was done. Ms. Percival said there needs to be a transfer done to electrical and gas service. Ms. Percival said they are on target to spend the \$57,009.

Board Member Bruce Campbell asked if the collection and programs would all be spent.

Librarian Rhonda Turley said yes, she was ordering computers and software with the funds. Ms. Turley said the money would also go for summer reading.

Vice-Chairman Nedra Funk said the City Council needs to know if they don't increase the Librarians salary they will lose \$5,300.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Unplanned Items.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

CITY STAFF COMMENTS – Staff Report

- a. **Receive a report on Library activities from Librarian Rhonda Turley.**

Librarian Rhonda Turley told the Library Board the monthly activities that occurred at the Library. Ms. Turley said the collection and circulation was up. Ms. Turley said the patrons and computer use was also up. Ms. Turley reported on the upcoming events that would be happening at the Library.

Ms. Turley said everything looked good.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS –

Chairman George Fina said he and Board Member Andi Boutwell attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting to support the Library. Mr. Fina said they all need to work together for the Library.

ADJOURN -

Chairman George Fina adjourned the meeting at 6:10 P.M., April 7, 2008.

ATTEST:

Chairman, George Fina

Minutes prepared by:

Deputy City Clerk, Terri Kyger