

MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
7550 Lohmeyer Maplewood, MO 63143

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

The meeting was preceded by a Public Hearing for citizens to express comments on the proposed tax rates for 2021. No members of the public being present, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

The meeting proper was called to order at 7:03pm. Present via Zoom video conferencing were:

H. Benz

M. Brenner

L. Frazier

C. Hinderliter

A. Johnson

G. LaRose

E. Loveless

K. Nithya

Not present:

J-E. Hansen

Staff present via Zoom video conferencing:

Director, A. Bryant

A quorum was present and due notice had been given.

AGENDA ITEM 2 Approval of minutes

M/S/C (C. Hinderliter, L. Frazier) unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021 Board meeting with the spelling of M. Brenner's name corrected.

AGENDA ITEM 3 Public comments

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 4 Communications

There were no communications.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Treasurer's report

Financials from August 2021 were reviewed.

M/S/C (E. Loveless, G. LaRose) unanimously to approve August 2021 financial report.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Librarian's report

A. Bryant shared information on the Library's continued efforts to promote diversity and inclusion, an update on the t-shirt fundraiser, how the City of Maplewood's Public Works department has been helping with building repairs, and plans for upcoming programs. It was requested that the Library promote Indigenous People's Day.

AGENDA ITEM 7 Committee reports

There were no committee reports.

AGENDA ITEM 8 Unfinished business

Building lease- A. Bryant will gather Board member availability for a special meeting to review L. Frazier's gap analysis report. The Board will then request a meeting with the Library's attorney to get input on a possible addendum to the lease for building repairs and maintenance.

COVID procedures- A. Bryant shared the proposed Meeting Room procedures for reopening it for public use during COVID-19. There was not common consensus on whether or not to reopen the meeting room at this time, so A. Bryant will survey staff opinion on the matter and the procedures will be re-visited at the October meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9 New business

Set tax rate- E. Loveless introduced a resolution setting the following tax rates for 2021:

General fund: residential property, \$0.219; commercial property, \$0.282; personal property, \$0.302

Debt service fund: all classes, \$0.125

If the tax rate allowed as determined by the State of Missouri is different than the proposed rate, the Library will set the rate at the rate determined by the State.

M. Brenner seconded the resolution; a roll call vote was taken and the resolution was passed by common acclaim.

H. Benz, aye; M. Brenner, aye; L. Frazier, aye; C. Hinderliter, aye; A. Johnson, aye; G. LaRose, aye; E. Loveless, aye; K. Nithya, aye.

Building report and City Council discussion- This discussion is tabled until the Building and Grounds committee meets and reviews L. Frazier's gap analysis.

Discuss annual meeting procedure- The traditional procedure for the annual meeting was reviewed. It was noted that A. Bryant added additional items to the annual meeting agenda this year. It was agreed that this does not pose a problem and additional items may also be added to the annual meeting agenda in the future.

AGENDA ITEM 10 Motion to hold a closed session

A closed session was not required.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. M/S/C (E. Loveless, C. Hinderliter) unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by A. Bryant 9/30/2021.

Reviewed and approved by C. Hinderliter, Board Secretary, 10/15/2021.