

**Cherokee Public Library  
Library Board Meeting  
January 8th, 2020**

Jomi Anderson called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Ed Burkhalter, Al Julius, Tony Hunt, Ruth Hayes, Linda Burkhart, and Loretta Barrett. Zach Freking-Smith was present.

Board consensus approved the minutes of the December board meeting (Al, Ruth). A motion was made and passed to approve bills in the amount of \$10,705.78 for payment (Ruth, Deb). Zach explained the Faronics, Sanitary Services, Counsel, One Office Solution, and Amazon bills. The City Clerk report was passed around.

With the induction of two new board members, the floor was opened for general questions. Linda Burkhart will be replacing Don Whitcombe, whose term ends in June. Loretta Barrett will be replacing Amy Loughlin, whose term ends in June 2024. Bylaws will be discussed at the next meeting. A basic rundown of how the library is funded was done, along with personele.

A motion was made and passed (6-1, Hayes voting Nay) to add another employee to the library on a fill-in, as needed basis (Al, Linda). This position will be a replacement position so no new hours will be added.

Jomi Anderson and Tony Hunt will be on the Budget Committee. The City Clerk requires the budget worksheet by Friday, January 24th. General budget additions were discussed, which included raises and addition of another full-time staff member.

Due to the lack of diaper changing stations, Zach proposed changing the one-stall bathrooms in the Youth Department to Family Bathrooms. A motion was made and passed unanimously to install diaper changing stations in all bathrooms and turn the upstairs bathrooms into family bathrooms (Ruth, Al).

The carpet project will be finished by the end of the month.

The December statistics and the January calendar were reviewed.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned (Deb, Al). The next meeting is February 5th, 2020.