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Cynthia J. Price, City of Durant

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DONALD W. REYNOLDS CC & LIBRARY BOARD
September 17, 2025 AT 3:00 PM, Roscoe J. Hatfield
Council Chambers,
300 West Evergreen,
Durant, Oklahoma**

CALL TO ORDER

Melissa Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Gloria Hodge, Jane Hicks, Kaylee Curry, Marion Hill, Melissa Brewer, and Phyllis Rustin

Robbee Tonubbee, Library Director, and Jennifer Simpkins, Library Board secretary, also attended the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Consent Items

To help streamline meetings and allow the focus to be on other items requiring strategic thought, the "Consent Items" portion of the agenda groups the routine, procedural, and self-explanatory non-controversial items together. These items are voted on in a single motion (one vote). However, any Council member requesting further information on a specific item thus removes it from the "Consent Items" section for individual attention and separate vote.

a. March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Board members reviewed the minutes from the March 19, 2025, library board meeting. Gloria Hodge made the motion to accept the meeting minutes, and Marion Hill seconded the motion. All members agreed, and the motion was passed.

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

3. Information Items

a. Monthly Reports

b. Library Report

Robbee Tonubbee presented a library report:

- I. The Friends of the Library have received an influx of casino donations. Some of the money was put toward Gale Online High School scholarships. One student is currently enrolled in the online high school. Money was also deposited in the Imagination Library fund, and a little was also deposited into the AARP tax aid fund.
- II. The Joe Littlejohn memorial fund will contribute another scholarship for the online high school in January, and Robbee hopes that the Gayle Gaither memorial fund will also be able to contribute a scholarship.
- III. Any donations the library receives in January will go to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Almost 1500 kids are enrolled in the program.
- IV. The Summer Reading Program ran through June and July. There were eight weeks of classes with 30 programs total. There were 30 programs for the 5 to 8 year olds with 425 in attendance, 30 programs for the 9 to 12 year olds with 359 in attendance, and eight programs for the teens since they only meet once per week with 67 in attendance.
- V. The library did not have the Very Hungry Reader summer meal program this year. Instead, a list of free lunch resources was available.
- VI. Jami Ellis had an intern and a couple of helpers for the Summer Reading Program this year.
- VII. Next year's summer reading theme will be dinosaurs.
- VIII. There are new employees at the library. Bailey Woods filled the vacant community center position. She was previously employed at the Antlers library. Jaselyn Smith filled the vacant circulation position. She was previously a teacher's aide at George Washington Elementary and worked with special education students.
- IX. The library also has a worker through the Choctaw youth program who will work through the end of March.
- X. Alvin Patterson left the library in April, and John Tucker was hired in May to fill the vacant custodian/groundskeeper position.
- XI. The library experienced a power outage a couple of Saturdays ago that closed the library for most of the day.
- XII. The annual book sale is coming up in October. The inside book sale has been emptied, and the books will be added to the annual book sale inventory. Robbee withdrew a large number of nonfiction books that will also be included in the sale.
- XIII. Thrift Books dropped its profit-sharing from 50% to 20%, so the library switched to Better World Books, which also shares 20% of profits, but does not charge shipping and allows for smaller, more frequent shipments.
- XIV. There is a new sitting area in the nonfiction section that Robbee has dubbed the "new library." A new area has been designated for the multitude of James Patterson novels in the library.

ADJOURNMENT

Gloria Hodge made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kaylee Curry seconded the motion. All members agreed, and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.