

City Council
Special Meeting
July 23, 2024

Present: Mayor Aaron Witt, John Schmidt, Wesley Hofferber, James Farley, Molly Clement

Also present: Misty Lynch, Anjanette Gibler, Nicole Acosta, Jessica Doer, Kerry Doer, Leta Roberts, Sydney Minor, Janie Jacobs, Marilyn Vischer, Jan Voth, Tim Jacobs, Roger Fischer, Jim Mayer, Dallas Mayer, Kayleigh Russell, Brandy Stump, Dorothy Crabtree, Lisa Williams, Melanie King, Amanda Casey, Rachel Fischer, Connie Friesen, Tim Ekkel, Diane Ekkel

Absent: Sara Ogden

Mayor Witt called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Upon recent examination of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Hooker, Oklahoma, the following portion of an ordinance has been clarified by legal Counsel.

§ 95.01 (B) Board of Directors

“The Library Board shall consist of five Directors chosen by the City Council from the citizens of the municipality with reference to their fitness for such office.”

The exact portion of said ordinance to be clarified was “citizens of the municipality”. Per legal counsel: “The statutory definition of a municipality is “any incorporated city or town”. A person would have to be a resident of the City of Hooker to qualify for appointment to the Library Board. If there are persons presently serving on the Library Board who are not residents in Hooker, then their appointment was ineffective and they, in fact, are not a board member.”

In conclusion, we, the City Council of Hooker, Oklahoma, ask that any person of the Library Board, whose primary residence is not within the city limits of Hooker, Oklahoma, return any documents belonging to the Olive Warner Memorial Library to the library, conduct no further business as a board, and resign their position on the Library Board, effective immediately stated Mayor Witt.

Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Mayor