

EL RENO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF
TUESDAY – APRIL 9, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.
EL RENO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
101 N. CHOCTAW AVENUE – EL RENO, OKLAHOMA

MINUTES

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 5:41pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Matt White, Chairman
Tracey Rider, Trustee
JT Chronister, Vice-Chairman
Bob Ballhorn, Trustee
Tim Robinson, Trustee

Staff Present: Jeremy Frazier, City Manager
Marsha Leck, Finance Director/Treasurer
Ken Brown, Police Chief
Kent Lagaly, Fire Chief
Alli Hernandez, PIO/Deputy Court Clerk
Dustin Downey, City Planner
Roger Rinehart, City Attorney
Tamara Vickrey, HR Director
Jeff Kouba, Public Works Director
Lindsey Grigg, City Clerk
Matt Sandidge, Assistant City Manager

Others: El Reno Tribune
Anita Miller Lewis, Resident
Jeanne Hobson, Library Board
Marie Hirst, Resident
Karen Snowden, Friends of Library
Larry Hodges, Preferred Properties
Susan Hicks
Darren Hicks
Julie Slaymaker, Resident
Terry Small
Karen Bullock, Resident
Karen Weaver, Friends of Library
Rebecca Garcia, Library Board
Karen Pappas, Friends of Library

C. NEW BUSINESS, DELETIONS OR CONTINUANCES TO THE AGENDA

D. CONSENT AGENDA: *The following items are considered to be routine by the El Reno Municipal Authority and will be enacted with one motion. Should discussion be desired on any item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately:*

1. Approval of minutes of the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of the El Reno Municipal Authority.
2. Approval of minutes of the March 27, 2019 Special Meeting of the El Reno Municipal Authority.
3. Approval of budget amendments for the fiscal year 2018-2019, ending June 30, 2019.
4. Approval of claims requiring Trustee authorization for the period beginning March 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2019.

Chronister **MOVED, SECONDED** by Ballhorn to approve items 1-4 of the consent agenda.

VOTE WAS:

AYE: White, Rider, Ballhorn, Robinson, Chronister

NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Chairman White declared motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 absent.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. *Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve Final Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$28,781.44, accept the project and activate the maintenance bond for Project No. G-10; CDBG Project No. 16754, 2016 CDBG, Water & Drainage and authorize Chairman/Mayor to sign all documents associated thereto.

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VOTE WAS:

AYE: White, Rider, Ballhorn, Robinson, Chronister

NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Chairman White declared motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 absent.

DISCUSSION ON ITEMS 6, 7, AND 8:

Discussion in regard to the Library Remodel items 6, 7, and 8 was at length.

White stated that the rumors of bulldozing the library were false, there were other rumors that were incorrect as well. The Handicap access has been updated both on the interior and exterior. The exterior of the facility has been updated and fixed and the roof replaced. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries assisted us in finding someone who deals with remodels of libraries specifically. We hired TAP Architecture to come in and assess the structure and provide a historical structure report which was completed August, 2015. Chief Lagaly and the Library board were very instrumental in the elevator and exterior projects. We had to bid the elevator twice. We felt as though there could be better organizational opportunities for our facility in regard to books, functions, etc. and the designer listed to our needs/wants when designing the remodel. The new furniture and design will provide function and places of study in each area. The information provided by staff, the library board and the catalog system were incorporated into the design.

We are keeping the marble flooring, columns, and Tin tops which are all in the design. The walls will be repaired and painted. The lighting and furniture in the facility now are from the 1960s and 1980s. The 1980s was the last renovation. The library board consists of citizens just like the Parks, Recreational Advisory, Planning Commission, Cemetery, etc., there was absolutely input from the public on this project.

Friends of the Library were represented by Karen Pappas, El Reno Citizen/Friend of the Library and Karen Snowden, Yukon Citizen/Friend of the Library. They both discussed in length the historical look of the facility and how the remodel design was premature. Both asked Council to do more research in this regard.

Snowden stated that the holes in the walls/ceilings, the plumbing, electrical and also the HVAC all needed to be addressed before a redesign. Pappas discussed the plumbing in the restrooms.

Pappas would like to see everything done in a historical fashion, all to include the light fixtures, tables, chairs, technology, etc.

White stated that the city is utilizing buy board for the furniture and everything else is at a cost less than what is required for the bidding process. He went on to state that the plumbing issue is being taken care of, the HVAC is also being quoted and the holes are to be addressed before new paint is applied.

There was more discussion held in regard to the Friends of the Library wanting to financially participate in the upgrades as they see fit. **Chronister** asked about money in the bank which was answered with \$128,000.00. **Pappas** stated that the Friends have been helping to upgrade in many areas such as archives, computers, scanners, etc. **Rider** stated that the friends could handle everything but the structure itself. **Chronister** stated that it would take 10-years to fundraise for this large project and we cannot wait any longer. **White** stated he contacted the State Association for Friends of the Library and was told that the Friends of the Library are for fundraising purposes and not the planning process.

Marie Hurst, El Reno Citizen stated she grew up at the library and doesn't want to see it change. She has a connection and is passionate about the facility. She is concerned with the Historical aspect and would like the facility to stay historically preserved. She believes the plastic and metal will make it unwelcoming and not warm. If the interior is changed, it will negate the time frame and accuracy of its history. Yes, any public facility is abused but it can be restored as per historical features.

White stated that there were several board members and Council members/staff that went on trips to view other facilities in the state. He went on to state that in public meetings he has asked for input and it was given as seen fit.

Karen Weaver; Friend of Library said they would like to be a part of the design and planning process. Also, went on to ask why other designers weren't asked to participate and why the city isn't going through the proper channels.

White stated the city is functioning in the correct manner and went on to state that the upgrades suggested and up for approval will help with function.

Rebecca Garcia, Library Board Member stated that this is project that needs to move forward. I have been on the board for 18 years and upgrades have been discussed and never done for 18 years. If we keep discussion, no action will ever take place and I would like to see this complete so I do not have to serve another 18 years to see it happen. This was approved by the board. The board wanted to focus on young children and teens for everyday use. We looked at the flow and needs for them. A lot of us traveled to different locations to look at facilities. We wish to respect the historical facility and there are several aspects being kept with this upgrade.

6. *Discussion, consideration, and possible action to purchase furniture for the El Reno Carnegie Library Interior, Project No. J-46.

White MOVED, SECONDED by Chronister to waive competitive bidding process and purchase furniture for the El Reno Carnegie Library Interior, Project No. J-46 from Buy Board Contract from Lone Star Furnishings through Cultural Surroundings in the amount of \$259,304.02.

VOTE WAS:

AYE: White, Ballhorn, Robinson, Chronister

NAY: Rider.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Chairman White declared motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 1 with 0 absent.

Rider stated she would like to see this postponed due to both sides being heated and passionate on the subject. She would like to see a Joint plan between the city, friends of the library and library board. She thinks moving forward is not helpful to anyone at this point. We need to see the furniture bid competently.

Ballhorn said we should move forward with the upgrades and get the kids in the library.

Chronister said that the facility will not fall of the register of Historical Buildings because of some furniture, the exterior, windows, columns, ceilings and marble flooring will be a large aspect. We need to replace the old carpet and hazards and move forward.

7. *Discussion, consideration, and possible action to purchase light fixtures for the El Reno Carnegie Library Interior, Project No. J-46.

White **MOVED, SECONDED** by Chronister to purchase light fixtures for the El Reno Carnegie Library Interior, Project No. J-46 through Cultural Surroundings in the amount of \$35,019.60.

VOTE WAS:

AYE: White, Ballhorn, Robinson, Chronister
NAY: Rider.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Chairman White declared motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 1 with 0 absent.

8. *Discussion, consideration, and possible action to purchase carpet for the El Reno Carnegie Library Interior, Project No. J-46.

White **MOVED, SECONDED** by Robinson to purchase carpet for the El Reno Carnegie Library Interior, Project No. J-46 from Davis Carpet Company, Inc. in the amount of \$35,961.00.

VOTE WAS:

AYE: White, Ballhorn, Robinson, Chronister
NAY: Rider.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Chairman White declared motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 1 with 0 absent.

9. *Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve First Amendment to Water Tower Lease Agreement between the City of El Reno/ El Reno Municipal Authority and T-Mobile Central, LLC, succeeding VoiceStream PCS I, LLC.

Robinson **MOVED, SECONDED** by Rider to approve First Amendment to Water Tower Lease Agreement between the City of El Reno/ El Reno Municipal Authority and T-Mobile Central, LLC, succeeding VoiceStream PCS I, LLC.

VOTE WAS:

AYE: White, Rider, Ballhorn, Robinson, Chronister
NAY: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Chairman White declared motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 absent.

10. *Discussion, consideration, and possible action to award Fiber-Optic Cable, Wiring and Electrical to move forward with Project No. F-03; wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements known as Monitoring Station; CWSRF project No. ORF-13-0003-CW and have Mayor/Chairman sign all documents associated thereto.

Ballhorn **MOVED, SECONDED** by Rider to award Fiber-Optic Cable, Wiring and Electrical to move forward with Project No. F-03; wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements known as Monitoring Station to Haynes Equipment Co. in the amount of \$24,199.71; CWSRF project No. ORF-13-0003-CW and have Mayor/Chairman sign all documents associated thereto.

VOTE WAS:

AYE: White, Rider, Ballhorn, Robinson, Chronister

NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Chairman White declared motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 absent.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Filed in the office of the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance of the El Reno Municipal Building, 101 N. Choctaw at 5:00pm on April 5, 2019.

Ballhorn **MOVED, SECONDED** by Rider to adjourn.

VOTE WAS:

AYE: White, Rider, Ballhorn, Robinson, Chronister

NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Chairman White declared motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 absent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Signed _____
Matt White, Chairman

Signed _____
Lindsey Grigg, Secretary