



Greene Public Library
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The Greene Library Board met in regular session on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the library meeting room. Present were Barbara Brunnsma, presiding, Andrea Ramker, Ann Thomason, Dan Castle and Patrick Derdzinski. Also in attendance were Library Director Lyndsie Pitzenberger.

Motion by Andrea, second by Ann Thomason to approve the agenda. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

New Business: A budget adjustment by a city council resolution in June of 2023 was recently provided to the library director. Since at least 2018, the Greene City Council has provided \$4,000 monthly to the library budget and in addition, provided retirement and health benefits, and payroll taxes. The June 2023 resolution reduced the monthly contribution to \$3,000. The library director's health insurance cost had increased due to having converted to a family plan which is available to all city employees. According to the May 5, 2023 Greene Library Board of Trustees meeting, "Mayor Warren van Dyke indicated the library will continue to receive funds monthly and employee benefits will be reimbursed to the library each month, as been done in the past. He said he would verify this with the City Clerk." The question was asked, "Does this reduction in general funds to the library constitute employee discrimination?" At a minimum, the library should have been made aware through normal communication from the city council of the \$1,000 decrease in the monthly funding. Also discussed was recent library trustee training from September 7, 2023 which indicates cities of Iowa should have a "Capital Improvements Fund" and should include funds for library improvements separate from the general fund.

Lyndsie informed the board the Butler County Association of Libraries is holding a meeting on October 3, 2023 at the Allison Public Library.

Motion by to adjourn meeting at 5:00 pm. by Dan Castle, second by Andrea Ramker. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Signed: _____

Patrick Derdzinski, Secretary