

Thursday, April 28, 2022

7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Attendance was taken. Committee members present via Zoom were Christine Fenne, Al Herbach and President Laurie Metanchuk. Library Director Betsy Adamowski, IT/Facilities Manager Ed Sirovatka and Lisa Christell-Sandri, Finance/Business Office Manager and recording secretary for this meeting were present in person.

II. Citizens to Be Heard

None

III. Review Wheaton Public Library Bylaws

The members reviewed the City's suggested amendments to the city code provisions specifically concerning the Library's bylaws and discussed the following:

ARTICLE V. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Section 2.258. Organization; officers; use of city staff; adoption of bylaws.

The library's date of officer election is in July (terms end on June 30th), so the election can't be held in January. There was also concern that the length of term for the chairperson (the library has a board president, not chairperson) is too short (2 consecutive one-year terms).

(b) Use of City Staff – members noted the prohibition of use of City Staff – the Library Board reviews and directs the Library Director, but isn't the Library Director considered a city staff member?

(c) Concerns due to the need to follow Illinois Library Law; the members did not think the City Council was responsible for approving the library bylaws.

Section 2-261. Financial/budget; donations.

(b) The library receives donations and they are made out to "Wheaton Public Library", not the "City of Wheaton" and they are deposited by the library and posted in its cash receipts.

Section 2-262. Removal of members; vacancies; compensation.

The word "compensation" was marked out. In Article III, Section 9 of the library's bylaws, there is a statement that board "Trustees will serve without compensation," so they don't think that should be removed.

BYLAWS OF THE WHEATON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Article III, Section 8. Electronic Participation in Meetings.

This section is under review by the city and was marked out. The committee members will wait to see what the final amendment will be.

Article X. Review of the Bylaws

The members do not think the following added section of "The bylaws and/or amendments thereto shall be reviewed and approved by the City Council" is accurate.

The members agreed that they would like to meet with the City's attorney to go over the response to these changes. They feel that there is a misunderstanding of the use of "home rule" and would like to get an explanation of how home rule works. Mrs. Adamowski said she will work on getting dates to meet with the City's attorney.

IV. Adjournment

Mr. Herbach moved to adjourn and Mrs. Fenne seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion for adjournment was carried at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Christell-Sandri
Finance/Business Office Manager