

**Amery Public Library Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting  
May 4, 2020**

Wendy Dietrich called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Also present were Jennifer Tyman, Sarah Flanum, Betty Tomasek, Kyrsten Huges, Annie Braaten, Gretta McCarty, and Director Amy Stormberg. Guests present Ashley Long, Erin Hunter, Doug Drake, John Thompson, Chad Lenoard, and JoAnn Hallquist. A **Quorum** was established. The **motion (bt) to approve the agenda and seconded (jt). Motion carried.** It was certified that the meeting is in compliance with the open meeting law.

**Update on COVID-19:**

Last week went well doing curbside pick-up all of the items that were on the hold shelf were called and made an appointment to come pick-up their books. This week patrons can start putting only items in our library on hold for pick-up and can start returning items as well.

**Library Plans: (see attached)**

\*There are six versions of the new building that were made up during the feasibility study, four of them from SEH and two from John Thompson. We asked for the feasibility study to see if all the entities involved would fit comfortably into the new space. Wendy stated that she and Amy have drafted a rough draft of a resolution and asked for approval of the board to send it off to the city stating that the Bremer building isn't suitable for all the entities involved. She asked if we should continue to look at the floor plans or look over the resolution. We decided that we would look at it after we go over the versions available to us for the new space.

\*In going over all the options the Family Resource center has requested space near the library and youth services.

\*There are a couple options that were presented that don't include the police department because of the concern with square footage and issue about disorderly conduct and privacy issues with the police department being in such a public building. There was discussion of a building being donated to the city with the city having to purchase additional land as another option.

\*The city finance committee isn't okay with it because they all want to be in the same building as well as the additional cost of \$275,000 for the purchase of land and renovations.

\*It was asked what would happen to the current city hall building; Sarah stated that hasn't been decided yet.

\*The list in terms of least to most square footage for the library is as follows:

- #5- 12,890 with the police station
- #2- 16,155 with the police station
- #3- 17,930 without the police station
- #4- 18,350 without the police station
- #6- has the most but unknown as this is one John had drawn up over the top of #2 with some slight changes.

\*Sarah had asked Chad if he knew if in the original bid included the cost of completely finishing off and enclosing the second floor. Chad had stated that it was included in the cost being one of the high end cost estimates.

\*Jen Tyman had stated that #6 would be the best option and #2 a close second.

\*The police garage will be going under the drive through.

\*Chad did mention that the Community Center has been approached as a place for the Historical society and asked Jen if there was any discussion on that at this time. She stated that it had been brought up with the board and they said that they would consider this when they can meet in person.

\*It was decided by the majority of the board members that #6 and #2 are what we will go to the city with at the next meeting. Wendy will be sending that request to Chad and Sarah as well as the other city council members for the next city council meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made (sf) and seconded (jt). Motion carried.**