

**Marshalltown Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**January 16, 2024**

**Members Present:** Tonya Gaffney, Kevin Pink, Ashtyn Beek, Erik Hall, Maureen Lyons

**Absent:** Judy Lindholm, Ruzan Morrison

**Staff:** Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille

President Tonya Gaffney called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**Public Comment:** The following people spoke during Public Comment: John Worden, Ray Mitchum

**Approval of the Agenda:** It was moved/seconded (Lyons/Pink) to approve the agenda. Passed.

**Approval of the December 19, 2023 Minutes:** It was moved/seconded (Beek/Hall) to approve the minutes. Passed.

**Operating Bills:** It was moved/seconded (Lyons/Pink) to approve the bills. Passed.

**Old Business:** MOBI is being stored at Public Works for the winter.

**New Business:**

*A: Budget:* As of 1-16-24 the City has not received valuations from the County.

During the January 15 City Council meeting, the City Administrator presented two possible options concerning the four levies (Emergency Fund, Library, MACC and the Community Band). The City Council will have to make a decision.

*B: Staffing Update:* A candidate is in the process of being approved for the vacant reference position.

*C. Staff Reports:*

Joa: Large increases are being seen in graphic novel check-outs, Wonderbooks and Playaways. Murder mysteries are the hottest teen trend and the largest jump in circulation has been in Beginning Readers and Spanish Beginning Readers.

*D. Director's Report:*

-- Thanks to Public Works for extra plowing and sanding during the past week of cold and snow.

--More shelving is being ordered for additional DVD's

--COVID tests: COVID tests are available free of charge at the library. They are being supplied by Primary Health.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 20 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.