

A public hearing was held in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, on at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, June 14, 2016, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Crowley, to receive comments on the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE

An ordinance correcting and amending the Library Creation Ordinance #234. The Library Ordinance is amended as follows.

For the purpose of identifying changes to the Library Ordinance all deletions from the original ordinance or indicated by ~~dashed lines through such words~~ and all additions or indicated by underlining such additions.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of Acadia that in accordance with authority vested in this Police Jury by Act No. 36 of 1926, there is hereby established the Acadia Parish Public Library, said library to be located at the Parish seat, Crowley, Louisiana.

Section 2. That the said Parish Public Library shall be equipped, maintained, operated and supported at the expense of the entire parish, including the incorporated town therein, and all taxes levied and assessed, whether general or special, for its establishment, support, and maintenance, shall be borne proportionately by all of the taxable property of the parish, including that within incorporated municipalities.

Section 3. That the said Parish Public Library shall be governed by a Board of Control, of which the President of the Police Jury shall be ex officio a member, and there shall be ~~five~~ (5) other members not less than five citizens nor more than seven citizens of the parish appointed by the Police Jury as a board of control, citizens of this parish, as follows.

Mrs. W. M. Hoyt, to serve for a term of one year,
Rev, Olan Broussard, to serve for a term of two years,
Rev, C. A. Bienvenue, to serve for a term of three years,
Rev, Hubert Lerschen, to serve for a term of four years,
Mrs. F. A. Bacon, to serve for a term of five years.

And their successors shall be appointed by the Police Jury for a term of five years.

The said Board of Control shall have all of authority in respect to said Parish Public Library as is conferred upon it by law.

Mr. Charles King, resident of Crowley, LA, stated that the proposed ordinance does not recognize or solve the problem of the Library Ordinance because it reenacts the original ordinance instead of the current ordinance that is now divided into sections and parts and that he believes the current proposed ordinance is not in proper form.

Mrs. Hannah Credeur, Acadia Parish Police Jury Record's Keeper, stated that Mr. King was referring to Section 9-18 of the Code of Ordinances. She further stated that the procedure when adopting an ordinance is to assign a number to the ordinance and then send the ordinance to Municode to be codified. She explained that Section 9-18 is the same as Ordinance #234.

Juror Charles Broussard asked Mr. King where he was getting his information from.

Mr. King stated that he got Section 9-18 from the Police Jury website.

Mrs. Laura Faul explained that the original ordinance number is referenced in the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. King stated that this was not the real issue and that the real issue is that the two additional library members were appointed at a time that the Police Jury ordinance only allowed for five (5) members, not seven (7).

Mrs. Laura Faul explained that although the Police Jury Ordinance stated five (5) members, State Statute gave the Police Jury the authority to appoint up to seven (7) members. She also stated that State Statute supercedes Parish Ordinances.

Mr. Brad Andrus, Parish Attorney, asked that the Police Jury give him time to research and submit an opinion regarding this. He also stated that the Police Jury Code of Ordinances on the website does reference the Ordinance number and he does not see the issue.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS THE PRESIDENT ADJOURNED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

SECRETARY