

FINANCE AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

September 13, 1989 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Dan Gaumer called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Members present: Mr. Gaumer, Jerrodean Martin, Bob Smith, and Barbara Ohlsen, ex-officio. Staff present: Carol Gibson, Jim Kupish, and Jim Seidl.

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Mr. Gaumer opened the meeting with a review of the staff recommendation to accept the proposal of Popular Subscription Service for periodicals. Requests for quotes were sent to five library periodical vendors; four proposals were received. Enclosure #1 is a summary of the proposals.

The proposal from Popular was chosen because it offered the highest discount and lowest prices. In addition, Popular provides the level of service and variety of titles required. The Decatur Public School District has used Popular for the past five years and is very satisfied with their service. Mr. Smith made a motion to recommend to the Board that Popular's proposal be accepted. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Martin and approved.

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The committee then discussed the 1990/91 tax levy request. Mr. Gaumer reviewed some of the major increases expected in 1990/91: salaries, pension, worker's compensation, electricity, and the materials budget. A long discussion followed on insurance costs and how to maintain these costs. The impact of the Long Range Plan and its goals was also considered.

Enclosure #2 is a line item budget listing projected expenditures accompanied by an explanation sheet citing reasons for variances. After reviewing the Long Range Plan, the committee included \$50,000 to implement the plan. Projected expenditures for 1990/91 will total \$2,445,994, up 8% over the 1989/90 budget.

Revenue for 1990/91 is expected to total \$2,620,994. The library will ask the City to levy a tax of \$2,050,000, an 11% increase over 1989/90 taxes. Enclosure #3 is a line item breakdown of projected revenue.

Mr. Smith made a motion recommending that the committee approve the \$2,050,000 tax levy request. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Martin and approved.

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