

HANNIBAL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2026 AD VALOREM
TAX RATE
of August 18, 2026

The Hannibal Free Public Library Board of Trustees held a public meeting **at 12:00 on Tuesday, August 18, 2026**, in the meeting rooms on the 3rd Floor at Hannibal Free Public Library, 200 South Fifth Street, Hannibal, MO 63401 regarding the Ad Valorem Tax Rate.

Present were Jessica Gilmore, Joy McPike, Linda Spaun, Tom Prater, Harry Graves, Laura Judlowe, Kathy Riney

Also present were Caitlin Greathouse and Andrea Reinwald
Absent were Kevin Knickerbocker and Raymond Lee

No members of the public were present.

Jessica Gilmore chaired the meeting. She called it to order at 12:02 p.m.

The proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate of .2737 was presented to the Board.

There were no questions from the public regarding the budget.

Joy McPike made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Harry Graves supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Greathouse, Acting Secretary

Accepted,

Kevin Knickerbocker, President

HANNIBAL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of August 18th, 2026

The Hannibal Free Public Library Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting **directly following the Public Hearing**, in the meeting rooms on the 3rd Floor at Hannibal Free Public Library, 200 South Fifth Street, Hannibal, MO 63401.

Present were Jessica Gilmore, Joy McPike, Linda Spaun, Tom Prater, Harry Graves, Laura Judlowe, Kathy Riney

Also present were Caitlin Greathouse, Andrea Reinwald

Absent were Kevin Knickerbocker and Raymond Lee

Jessica Gilmore chaired the meeting. She called it to order at 12:05 p.m.

Harry Graves made the motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting from July 21st, 2026. Laura Judlowe supported the motion.

Caitlin Greathouse explained the claims for the month with salaries totaling \$42,277.14 with credit card claims in the amount of \$7,607.33, Capital projects with a total of \$7,350, and other claims totaling \$18,290.05 . Joy McPike made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$75,524.52 for July and the first half of August. Jessica Gilmore supported. Motion carried.

Caitlin discussed the shorter format for the investment report as instructed by Harry Graves. The board members responded positively to the new format. Moved by Jessica Gilmore and supported by Joy McPike to accept the Investment Report for July 2026. Motion carried.

The City Financial Reports for July 2026 were included in the Financial Packet.

The Transfer Recommendation was distributed. Moved by Laura Judlowe and supported by Harry Graves to accept the transfer recommendation showing no transfer. Motion carried.

No correspondence was reported.

No Public Comment.

Caitlin Greathouse reported per Raymond Lee's request to inform the Board that the Director's evaluation form would be distributed after next month's meeting.

There were no further questions about the Director's Report beyond what was presented. Harry Graves asked what the process is to put the website into ADA compliance. Caitlin Greathouse explained that the process has begun and there may be necessary motions from the Board at a later date regarding this project. Moved by Harry Graves and supported by Joy McPike to approve the Director's Report for August 2026. Motion carried.

Caitlin Greathouse distributed the final figures for FY 2025-2026. She discussed highlighted portions regarding State Aid, State Aid A&E, and LSTA grant lines. Moved by Jessica Gilmore to permit Caitlin to request the highlighted lines be changed by the City Finance Director to reflect the exact revenue and expenditures for these accounts to close out the last Fiscal Year. Joy McPike supported the motion. Motion carried.

Harry Graves made the motion to set the upcoming year's tax rate at .2737. Joy McPike supported the motion. Motion carried.

Caitlin Greathouse presented the Annual Report and the Annual Report Narrative. She pointed out the goal for the last year focused on increasing active users. She reported that the staff should be applauded for working toward this goal and the end result is the highest total of active users for several years. Caitlin pointed out the Summer Reading statistics are from Summer 2025, not the latest program since the program ends after the fiscal year. Jessica Gilmore made the motion to accept the Annual Report and to permit Caitlin Greathouse to send it to the necessary departments. Laura Judlowe supported the motion. Motion carried.

Linda Spaun made the motion to adjourn. Joy McPike supported the motion. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Greathouse, Acting Secretary

Accepted,

Kevin Knickerbocker, President