

ORDINANCE NO. 219

AN ORDINANCE CONTINUING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE, MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM, FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE LIBRARY BOARD; PRESCRIBING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SAID BOARD; REGULATING THE BY-LAWS AND FINANCES OF SAID BOARD; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE INJURY OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY PROPERTY OF SAID LIBRARY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1 EXISTING LIBRARY CONTINUED; TERMS DEFINED

The Public Library and Reading Room, now existing in the Village of Craig, Nebraska, is hereby established and continued as a Public Library and Reading Room which shall be forever kept and maintained by said Village and shall be known as the Craig Public Library and Reading Room. Whenever in this ordinance there shall be used the words Public Library the same shall be construed to include the Craig Public Library and Reading Room.

SECTION 2 LIBRARY BOARD; SELECTION; TENURE

The Village Board shall at the last regular, adjourned or special meeting in June of each year select one director of the Library Board who shall serve for five years. The Library Board shall consist of five directors, all of whom shall be residents of this Village and none of whom shall be the Chairman or a member of the Board. No director shall receive any pay or compensation for his services as such. In cases of vacancies by resignation, removal, or otherwise, the Village Board shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

SECTION 3 OFFICERS; PROCEDURE; POWERS AND DUTIES

The directors of the Library Board shall, at their first meeting in July of each year elect from their number a President, Secretary and such other officers as may be necessary. Three members of the Board shall constitute

a quorum. The board shall have the power to make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for its own guidance and for the government of the public library as it may deem expedient, not inconsistent with state law. It shall have exclusive control of expenditures, of all money collected or donated to the credit of the library fund, of the renting and construction of any library building, and the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms, or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose.

SECTION 4 FINANCES; LIBRARY FUNDS, HOW DISBURSED

All taxes levied or collected and all funds donated or in any way acquired for the erection, maintenance or support of the public library shall be kept for the use of such library, separate and apart from all other funds of this village, and shall be drawn upon and paid out by the Village Treasurer upon vouchers signed by the president of the library board and authenticated by the secretary of such board, and shall not be used or disbursed for any other purpose or in any other manner.

SECTION 5 LIBRARIAN, ASSISTANTS; BY-LAWS

The library board shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and assistants, to fix their compensation and to remove their appointees at pleasure, and shall have power to establish such regulations for the government of such library as may be deemed necessary for its preservation, and to maintain its usefulness and efficiency. The board shall fix and impose, by general rules, penalties and forfeitures for trespasses upon or injury to the library grounds, rooms, books or other property, or for failure to return any books, or for violation of any by-law or regulation and shall have and exercise such power as may be necessary to carry out the spirit and intent of this chapter in establishing and maintaining the public library.

SECTION 6 LIBRARY BOARD, REPORTS

The library board shall on or before the first Monday in June in each year, make a report to the Village Board of the condition of its trust on the first day of June of each year, showing all moneys received and expended;

the number of books and periodicals on hand; newspapers and current literature subscribed for or donated to the reading room department; the number of books and periodicals purchased, acquired by gift or otherwise obtained during the year and the number lost or missing; the number of and character of books loaned or issued, with such statistics, information and suggestions as it may deem of general interest or as the Village Board may require, which report shall be verified by affidavit of the proper officers of said Board.

SECTION 7 LIBRARY BOARD, BUDGET

The Library Board shall on or before the first Monday in June of each year make a budget to the Village Board of the projected income and expenses for the coming fiscal year. Said budget shall show an itemized list of the projected purchases which the Board hopes to make during the coming year and of the projected expenses which the Board expects to incur for the coming year.

SECTION 8 RECOVERY OF PENALTIES

Penalties imposed or accruing by any by-law or regulation of the library board may be recovered in a civil action before the Police Magistrate of this village or any other court having jurisdiction, such action to be instituted in the name of the Library Board of the Village of Craig. Money collected in such actions shall be forthwith placed in the village treasury to the credit of the library fund.

SECTION 9 DONATIONS; RECEIPTS

Any person may make donation of money, lands, or other property for the benefit of the public library. The title to property so donated may be made to and shall vest in the Library Board and their successors in office, and the Board shall thereby become the owners thereof in trust to the uses of the Public Library.

All money received by the Board of Directors or by any librarian or assistant of said Library from any source for the use and support thereof, shall be paid

monthly to the Village Treasurer who shall keep the same together with the proceeds of any tax levied for the support of the Public Library in a fund known as the Library Fund.

SECTION 10 MUTILATING PUBLICATIONS IN LIBRARY,
 PENALTY

Whoever shall intentionally deface, obliterate, tear or destroy in whole or in part, any newspaper, magazine, book or periodical on file in the Public Library, or shall cut therefrom any article or advertisement, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and shall be assessed the court costs of prosecution.

SECTION 11 REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT

All ordinances and parts of ordinances passed and approved prior to the passage and approval of this ordinance and in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12 WHEN OPERATIVE

This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

Passed and approved the 14th day of September, 1971.

Attest:
CLIFFORD A. NELSON
Village Clerk
(SEAL)

Chairman
VIVIAN E. CARLSON