June 16, 1950

Mr. Lee C. Erhard,
Managing Editor,
Tulsa Daily World
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Erhard:

On Page 3 of the Tulsa Daily World for June 16th there appeared an item headed "Bartlesville's Library Board Under City Wing", and in this item the following statement is made:

"The change was brought about this week by city commissioners on the recommendations of present board members."

This statement has no basis in fact. Further, the reports of the Library Board to the City Commissioners contain no statements or recommendations which could be construed in this manner by even the broadest interpretation.

The inaccuracies in previous news stories you have printed on this subject, together with the one quoted above, bring reasonable doubt of the reliability of your local correspondent.

Yours very truly,

Chairman,
Bartlesville Library Board
ORDINANCE NO. 143

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE BARTLESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, ESTABLISHING THE BARTLESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD, REPEALING ARTICLE VI OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1924, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. The municipal library is hereby established and shall be known as the Bartlesville Public Library, and shall be an administrative department of the City, subject to the control of a board to be known as the Bartlesville Public Library Board, as provided in this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The Bartlesville Public Library Board shall be comprised of six members of the City who shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners. In order to provide for staggered terms, three members shall be appointed for a term of one year and three members shall be appointed for a term of two years, beginning on the first Monday in July in 1950. Thereafter three members shall be appointed for a term of two years beginning on the first Monday in July of each year. Members appointed shall serve without compensation, and shall be subject to removal at any time by the Board of Commissioners. Vacancies, to be filled by appointment of the Board of Commissioners, shall occur when a member dies, removes his residence from the City, resigns, for any reason absents himself or herself from three consecutive regular monthly meetings of the Board, or is removed from office.

SECTION 3. The Board shall elect from its membership a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board, certified copies of which shall be filed monthly with the City Clerk and maintained as a part of the records of that office.

SECTION 4. The Board shall meet with open doors in the office of the Board of Commissioners in the Civic Center, shall hold regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., and may adjourn from time to time.

SECTION 5. With the approval of the Board of Commissioners, the Bartlesville Public Library Board shall appoint a Librarian and one or more assistant librarians or library clerks, and said appointees shall be subject to renewal at any time by the Board of Commissioners. The Bartlesville Public Library Board shall inquire into all phases of the operation of the Library and, from time to time make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners concerning the improvement of the library operations and facilities. The making of contracts or purchases, and the incurring of indebtedness pertaining to the Library shall be handled in the same manner as for other departments of the City, provided that all purchases of books or subscriptions to periodicals shall be subject to approval of the Public Library Board. Said Board shall also from time to time promulgate rules and regulations for the use of the library and library facilities, which shall be adopted with the approval of the Board of Commissioners. On the first Monday in June of each year, the Bartlesville Public Library Board shall make a written report to the Board of Commissioners concerning the condition of the Library, incorporating therein any recommendations for the improvement of the library and a statement of the needs of the Library for the ensuing fiscal period.

SECTION 6. Article VI of the Revised Ordinances, 1924, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. For the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist whereby this Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of June, 1950.

E. S. Denway
Mayor

Eva Sanderson
City Clerk

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