

Minutes of the **November 12, 2012**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held
at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: City Treasurer Ronald Tobey, Chairman Michael Erfourth, and members Shaffer Fox, Paul Heimnick, Scott Newman, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson

Members Absent: Joni Forster, Don Schneider and Karen Stadler

Guests Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairman Erfourth.

Motion to adopt proposed agenda made by Newman, supported by Wilson and approved.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion by Fox nominating Erfourth to continue as Chair and Wilson as Vice-chair of the commission. Supported by Newman. Motion carried.

Motion by Newman to accept and place on file the minutes for the October 9, 2012, regular meeting. Supported by Heimnick and carried.

Motion by Fox to accept the September 2012 and October 2012 Treasurer's Reports. Support given by Heimnick. Approved with dissent by Weckwert.

Chairman Erfourth reviewed the phone situation, the spirea shrub removal at the castle and the progress on the Lexan installation at the cabin.

A summary presentation of ten years of historical commission revenue and expenditures was prepared and presented by Erfourth as a prelude to budget discussions.

Motion by Wilson to ask the city building inspector to inspect the historic properties under supervision of the commission and to give an appraisal report of items that need attention. Support by Weckwert. After discussion, motion carried with Newman dissenting.

Motion by Weckwert to request the city manager increase the weekly work hours of a castle docent to thirty as a project manager/director with an increase in pay, to assist the volunteer Historical Commission in achieving goals in reference to a job description. Support given by Newman and carried.

Motion by Weckwert to approve purchase of an outdoor in-ground open sign at a cost of \$200. Second provided by Newman and approved. Although unable as chair to vote, Erfourth expressed dissent.

Members by consensus agreed to continue the current hourly rental rates at the Castle and Gould House into 2013.

Wilson moved to authorize Weckwert to pull up a section of Castle carpet; and if floor condition is acceptable to remove the entire carpet. Fox supported and motion carried.

No action was taken regarding Castle interior wall repair due to lack of bid document.

Motion by Newman to dispose of non-working electric organ and display case at Curwood Castle. Supported by Weckwert and approved. Although unable as chair to vote, Erfourth expressed dissent.

All members in attendance informally indicated their ability to be present for a December 10 meeting.

Motion by Weckwert to purchase a postcard holder for \$129. Supported by Wilson and carried. Erfourth again expressed dissent, although not voting as chair.

Motion by Newman to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Supported by Fox.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey
Secretary/Treasurer