

Minutes of the **January 14, 2013**, 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, Elaine Greenway, Paul Heimnick, Scott Newman, Don Schneider, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson

Members Absent: Joni Forster

Guests Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Erfourth, with introduction of members to new member Greenway.

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

There were no citizen comments.

Motion by Heimnick to accept and place on file the minutes for the December 10, 2012, regular meeting. Supported by Fox and carried.

Weckwert arrived 7:09 p.m..

Wilson arrived 7:16 p.m..

Motion by Newman to accept the December 2012 Treasurer's Report. Support given by Greenway. Approved with dissent by Weckwert.

Chairman Erfourth commented on the Project Manager proposal. City Staff are evaluating budgets, job descriptions and options. Erfourth also made mention that the City Manager is reviewing the draft of Historical Commission bylaw changes he initiated. Members affirmed that any changes would still need to be reviewed by the commission as a whole.

Potential and identified leaks discovered at the Castle will be addressed before a plaster repair and painting project are commenced.

Members identified projects to be incorporated in the budget proposal for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The front stairs at the Gould House should be rebuilt and a cornice board on the exterior is missing. Members agreed that funds should be designated for a potential furnace replacement at the Gould House and \$5,000 be set aside for apartment renovation should a vacancy occur. It was also mentioned that wi-fi might be provided at the House rather than phone service in the apartment. The Castle budget should include incorporation of \$5,000 for potential acquisition of suitable area rugs for the main room. A budget of \$500 for materials acquisition was agreed upon. Members were receptive to the proposal to attempt a home tour in September 2013, with a proceed goal of \$8-10 K. Greenway, Weckwert, Newman and Erfourth will spearhead the home tour project.

Members continued general discussion concerning the Gould House.

Motion by Newman to adjourn at 8.35 p.m.. Supported by Fox.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey  
Secretary/Treasurer