

Special Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of March 26, 2024 – 6:00 P.M. at Owosso City Hall

- PRESIDING OFFICER: Susan Osika
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Elaine Greenway, Susan Osika, Bill Moull and Robert Hooper

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Erickson, Lance Little, Deb Adams

OTHERS PRESENT: Nathan Henne, City Manager

HENNE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:01 P.M.

HENNE CALLED FOR A MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: MOVED BY OSIKA, SUPPORTED BY MOULL. VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUS TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS.

APPOINT TEMPORARY CHAIR DUE TO ABSENSE OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Hooper moved to appoint Osika as temporary chair for the special meeting. Supported by Moull.

Approved by Voice Vote

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Recommend to City Council acceptance of Offer from Sean Harrington of Crestwood, KY to purchase Gould House for offer price of \$360,000. Henne read a letter from the Harrington family into the record indicating their intentions to restore and preserve the home. The board discussed what items they'd like to keep that haven't been moved to storage: artwork and wall hangings, A. Gould Chair, McClear Chairs (to be returned to McClear later per her request), piano, Clock, and display cases.

Moull moved to recommend that City Council accept the Harrington offer based on discussion and items to keep. Supported by Hooper. Roll call unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Piper Brewer said there is an A. Gould table somewhere in the Gould House that should be kept and that the portrait of A. Gould should be kept.

Tom Manke is concerned about what is in the barn as well as the A. Gould table.

Shaffer Fox commended the Harrington family and is happy to see the home sell to them. He asked about the preservation of the lot to restrict development.

Mike Kovich asked if there was a current inventory of everything that was in the home.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Osika said that an inventory of the home's items was completed.

Henne said that the lot would have to go through the land-division process in the assessor's office and approved by Council. Approval of a land division is very unlikely and the process serves as a protection against any additional development to the north and south of the home on the lot.

Greenway said the process of the Gould House sale has been very difficult but was happy with the buyer and their intentions.

Moull thanked the community for their support through the sale process.

Henne said the next step is for City Council to begin the 21-day notice period for the sale. The soonest a final vote can be taken to finalize the offer would be May 6.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 8, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Hooper moved to adjourn the meeting. Moull supported. The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Nathan Henne, City Manager