Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of September 8, 2025 – 6:00 P.M. at Owosso City Hall

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Lance Little

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Elaine Greenway, Bill Moull, Steven Teich, and Debra Adams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Christopher Owens and Robert Hooper

CHAIRMAN LITTLE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

APPROVE MINUTES – August 11, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Teich to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Commissioner Moull.

Approved by voice vote

APPROVE AGENDA – September 8, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Moull to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Commissioner Greenway.

Approved by voice vote

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Owosso Time Traveler Website: Chairman Little shared details from a Zoom meeting he, Amy Fuller, and Jael Harrington attended with staff from Michigan Tech. The Commission discussed moving forward with the Owosso Time Traveler Website. Motion by Commissioner Teich to move forward with the project and allocate up to $10,000. Supported by Commissioner Moull, passed by voice vote.

Curwood Clock Donation: DeVries has received a donation of a grandfather clock that allegedly belonged to James Oliver Curwood. They are able to donate it to the Commission, but are asking for $100 to recoup the cost of transporting it from the Detroit area to Owosso. Motion by Commissioner Teich to accept the donation and pay DeVries $100. The motion was supported by Commissioner Adams and passed by voice vote.

Castle Railing: The Commission reviewed plans to add handrails to the two main staircases in Curwood Castle. Motion by Commissioner Greenway to accept the proposal from Rare Fusion for handrails at Curwood Castle. The motion was supported by Commissioner Moull and passed by voice vote.

Transfer of yearbooks, Michigan Historic Review, and city directories: The Commission reviewed a recommendation from the Historic Appreciation Committee to transfer books in its collection. Motion by Commissioner Teich to transfer the books as outlined in the staff memo. The motion was supported by Commissioner Moull and passed by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds Committee: Amy Fuller and Commissioner Teich are meeting with architects to work on the roof project.

Historic Appreciation Committee: The Committee met to review the items in their collection at City Hall.

The Home Tour Committee: Committee members discussed best practices learned from the Marshall, MI tour.

Educating our Youth Committee: Had their first meeting just before this meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Amy Fuller reviewed the Commission's revenue and expense report.

Denice Grace reported on the August numbers for Curwood Castle.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Teich shared that he had reviewed the list of items currently in storage and suggested the Commission consider divesting some of the items because they lack historical relevance.

Commissioner Moull shared that he was excited about the potential partnerships within the community.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Little adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager