

Minutes of the **October 9, 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 Joni Forster, Shaffer Fox, Paul Heimnick, Don Schneider and Lorraine Weckwert

Members Absent: Scott Newman, Karen Stadler and Gary Wilson

Guests Present: Bill Constine

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Erfourth.

Bill Constine, from the Independent, photographed the group in anticipation of the election of officers scheduled later in the meeting. He then left the meeting.

Member Forster asked for the addition of lighting/decorating to the agenda. Weckwert asked that Projects Manager for Historic Commission be added to old business and also an "open" sign for the Castle be added to new business. Additions to the agenda were made and approved.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion by Forster to accept and place on file the minutes of the September 10, 2012, regular meeting. Supported by Heimnick and carried.

Motion by Heimnick to accept and place on file the minutes of the September 27, 2012, special meeting. Supported by Schneider and carried.

The treasurer's report item was discussed at length in terms of funding of the commission itself. Motion by Fox to accept the August 2012 Treasurer's Report of revenue and expenditures. Heimnick offered the second. Motion accepted by the members in attendance with a no vote from Forster and a yes vote, with objections, from Weckwert.

There was no Gould House Maintenance bid to present.

There was no action on the phone options.

The recommendation from Industrial Pest Management regarding the honey bee colony was relayed.

Members noted the large Castle shrubs facing the river had been removed by DPW. The spirea on the west side of the Castle are yet to be removed.

It was noted that no action had been taken to place heat tape in the Castle gutters.

Hi-Quality had made contact about the Lexon to be placed on Cabin windows and will schedule the work. Chair Erfourth will place wood blocks in the windows to prevent intrusion.

Member Forster presented information that good quality holiday lighting strands could be obtained at a cost of \$45 per 100 foot. She restated her desire that the Castle, cabin and paymaster building should be lit this holiday season to complement the downtown decorations. She would also like to see some seasonal decorations placed at the properties, including the Gould House for fall and Christmas. Motion by Weckwert that up to \$600 be expended for lighting of the castle and cabin and \$250. be allotted for fall and Christmas decorations to be obtained by Forster. Supported by Fox and approved. It was noted that it is the intent that with

the Commission supplying the lights the DPW would be asked to install them at the Castle when the heat tape was placed in the gutters.

Weckwert and Erfouth will form a subcommittee to work on the Project Manager proposal, soliciting participation from Wilson and Newman if they are interested in collaboration on the subcommittee.

The need of refrigeration at the Castle was mentioned. Member Schneider generously offered the donation of an unused refrigerator from the Movie Museum if it will be transported.

Weckwert showed a drawing of an "open" sign and post she would like to see placed at the Castle. No action was taken at this time.

Members moved the fundraising and officer election to the next meeting by consensus. Also chairman Erfouth encouraged the group to begin preparation at the November meeting for next year's budget.

Motion by Weckwert to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Supported by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey  
Secretary/Treasurer