

Minutes of the **August 12, 2013**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held
at the Curwood Castle, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: City Treasurer Ronald Tobey, Chairman Michael Erfourth, and members Joni Forster, Shaffer Fox, Elaine Greenway, Scott Newman, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson

Members Absent: (2 vacancies)

Guests Present: Kerry Baker

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Erfourth.

Motion to adopt proposed agenda made by Newman, supported by Weckwert and approved after the additions of Project Manager, window paint, floors, e-mail received, gift display and educational displays.

Citizen Comments: none

Motion by Newman to accept and place on file the minutes of the July 8, 2013, regular meeting after noting the correction of a extraneous "the" before Erfourth in the paragraph about June minutes and also that Wilson was not noted as being either present or absent, but was in fact absent. Support was then offered by Weckwert and approved.

The preliminary June Treasurer's report was opened for discussion as informational only until after the auditors have concluded review of the ended fiscal year.

Weckwert reported an order of 2500 Home Tour ticket booklets was set to print today. It was noted \$440 remained in the expenditure approval from last month. The reception, plaques, tea party and wine & cheese event would also require expenditures. Motion by Newman to approve an additional \$1,000 for Home Tour 2013 expenses. Support was given by Fox. Motion carried with dissent by Forster. Also noted was the fact that tickets would be available at the Castle, city hall and the Chamber of Commerce. Wilson offered concern about traffic congestion on Curwood Castle Drive the morning of the tour if tickets were to be picked up at the paymaster building and the castle. The next Home Tour meeting is to take place on August 20 at 7:00 p.m. An e-mail will be distributed regarding this meeting.

By consensus the group changed the Hoskins painting unveiling from August 17th to September 13 during the evening of the Art Walk in Owosso.

Erfourth noted in a brief discussion of computer acquisition that a tablet may be more viable than a desktop configuration.

Three unfinished projects, the Gould house side and rear porch paint touch up, the steps at the paymaster building and the bricks behind the cabin will be referred to the city DPW by Erfourth.

The letter from BASC for bridal show participation at Comstock Center will be declined for this year.

The offer of the WWII uniform by a former Owosso resident was declined by consensus after thoughtful consideration.

Erfourth noted the project manager position had been approved by Council as a part-time position with an additional twenty thousand dollar increase in appropriations.

Newman left at 8:02 p.m..

The bid received for Castle floor finishing is still outstanding. Weckwert had checked references on the contractor finding positive results and offered the list to others who might be interested in speaking to a reference.

The concern received by e-mail regarding home tour advertising was shared.

Forster left 8:16 p.m..

Members visited the main floor to view a display system acquired by Weckwert for souvenir items. Motion by Fox to reimburse Weckwert \$155.00 for display system failed due to a lack of a second.

A request for supplies for education museum displays estimated to cost approximately \$75.00 was shared by Weckwert. Motion by Fox to approved expenditure of \$75.00 by Amanda Wetzel for educational display items. Supported by Weckwert and carried.

Motion to adjourn by Wilson and supported by Weckwert at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey
Secretary/Treasurer