



OWOSSO CARNEGIE LIBRARY PROPERTY COMMITTEE

September 24, 2026 at 6 PM at Owosso City Hall

Call to order:

Roll Call

Present:

Absent:

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion to approve September 24, 2026 agenda

Motion to approve July 23, 2026 meeting minutes

Agenda Items:

1. Adrian, MI Carnegie Library Reuse – A Case Study

PRESENTATION

Public Comment

Member Comment

Next Meeting: October 22, 2026 @ 6 PM

Adjourn



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MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OWOSSO CARNEGIE LIBRARY PROPERTY COMMITTEE July 23, 2026, at 6 PM at Owosso City Hall

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 6:02 PM

Roll Call

Present: Ferweda, Harrington, Brewer, Horvath, Teich, Piper

Absent: Cook, Wilson

Agenda and Minutes:

MOTION to approve the July 23, 2026 agenda made by HARRINGTON. SUPPORTED by BREWER. Motion carried.

MOTION to approve the June 25, 2026 meeting minutes made by BREWER. SUPPORTED by FERWEDA. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

1. 17 Repurposed Carnegie Libraries in Michigan – Case Studies (PRESENTATION)
 - a. Nathan presented Michigan case studies of repurposed Carnegie libraries as inspiration for the committee's eventual recommendation to Council.
 - b. Brewer offered to invite Bob Wessel (Adrian Historical Society) to speak in August; Nate Scramlon (MEDC) will now present in August on RRC technical assistance, since Owosso's RRC certification and the middle school's secured financing free up MEDC focus on the library.

Public Comment

Owners of Gould House in attendance. They shared their efforts to restore the storm windows to give the committee perspective and advice on potentially doing the same on the current Library building.

Member Comment

A committee member noted one repurposed library benefits from shared parking with a neighboring business.

Action Items for Next Meeting

1. Speaker: Piper to invite Bob Wessel to August meeting.
2. MEDC: Nate Scramlin to present in August.
3. Sale recommendation: Committee encouraged to weigh nominal vs. market-rate sale.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2026 @ 6 PM

MOTION to adjourn made by HORVATH. SUPPORTED by FERWEDA. Motion carried.

Adjourned: at 6:45 PM



OWOSSO CARNEGIE LIBRARY PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Owosso Carnegie Library Committee
FROM: Nathan R. Henne, City Manager
DATE: September 24, 2026
RE: Quiet Title Action — Library Property Update

I. Background

Following the Committee's recommendation at its May 28, 2026 meeting, the City Attorney filed a quiet title complaint on August 7, 2026. The action seeks to resolve the reverter clause in the 1913 deed and establish clear title to the library property in the City of Owosso.

II. Service of Notice

Because the Owosso Casket Company, Inc. was the grantor of the property, the City Attorney served notice upon the company at its last known office and upon its last known registered agent in Detroit. The complaint was also mailed to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The City Attorney is confirming whether his office has officially received the No-Service of Process letter.

III. Notice to Woodard Family Members

On August 7, letters were mailed to Woodard family members who had previously contacted the City Attorney. These letters were a courtesy and are not a legal requirement of the action. They serve as informal notice so that anyone with information relevant to the question of ownership is aware of the proceedings and can contact the City Attorney.

The City has asked the City Attorney to send family members a follow-up letter with a copy of the Court's scheduling order. This letter will have no legal effect but will keep the family informed as the case proceeds.

IV. Court Date and Anticipated Outcome

The City Attorney will provide updates on future court dates, and the Committee will be informed as those dates are confirmed.

The City Attorney anticipates a default, meaning no party will enter an appearance or answer the complaint. In that event, he will ask the Court for an order granting clear title to the City. Unless a party with proper legal standing enters an appearance, there will be no testimony, and it is unlikely the Court will allow public comment at the final hearing.