



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of May 13, 2024 – 6:00 P.M. at Owosso City Hall

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Mark Erickson

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Adams, Commissioners Elaine Greenway, Lance Little, Susan Osika, Bill Moull and Robert Hooper

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Fuller, Lucy Ham, Mayor Teich, and Denice Grace

CHAIR ERICKSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

APPROVE MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Little to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Commissioner Hooper.

Approved by Voice Vote

APPROVE AGENDA – MAY 13, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Little to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Commissioner Hooper.

Approved by Voice Vote

OLD BUSINESS REPORT

Amy Fuller reported that the Castle boiler had been replaced, a company is coming May 14 to wash the exterior of the Castle, the new Castle Docent started this month, Rebecca McClear's items have been returned to her, and the carriage and sleigh are at the museum at DeVries.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Gould House Offers: Amy Fuller shared that there are two new offers to consider. The first, from Guy E. Stewart IV for \$240,000 which includes an escalation clause that increases the offer in \$1,000 increments with proof of a competing offer. Mr. Stewart indicated via his real estate agent that he intends to use the house as a rental property. The second offer is a revised offer from Sean Harrington, increasing his offer to \$250,000 along with an offer of in-kind services to the city. Amy Fuller told Commissioners the in-kind services are a nice gesture but could not be considered as a formal part of the offer. Amy Fuller also suggested moving the next commission

meeting to June 11 or 12, when the next 21 day period ends to review any future offers and to make this meeting the final time the commission considers any offers on the Gould House.

Motion by Commissioner Little to move the June 10th regular meeting of the Historical Commission to June 11, at 6:00 p.m. at Owosso City Hall and to add final consideration of any future Gould House offers to the agenda. Supported by Commissioner Hooper. Passed by voice vote.

There was additional discussion on the offers for the Gould House. Several Commissioners stated that they thought there was a better chance the home would be restored and taken care of if it was a single family home instead being used as a rental property. They also discussed that they liked that the Harrington's seem dedicated to being part of the community.

Motion by Commissioner Osika to accept the revised offer from Sean Harrington for \$250,000 on the Amos Gould House. Supported by Commissioner Moull. Passed by voice vote.

Home Tour Updates: Commissioner Osika asked the Commission to volunteer on Sept. 21 for the Home Tour.

Purchase New Computer for Castle: Amy Fuller explained that the Castle laptop was estimated to be six years old and was in poor condition. She suggested purchasing a new laptop for \$1,400 via the city IT department during the 2024-25 fiscal year. Motion by Commissioner Hooper to authorize staff to purchase a computer, supported by Commissioner Greenway. Passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

Amy Fuller reported that the unbudgeted boiler expense will cause the Commission to dig into their fund balance this fiscal year but that the fund balance was healthy and could handle the expense.

Denice Grace reported that the Castle had its second best April, even after being closed for a week due to the boiler breaking.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Little moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hooper supported. The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager