



MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
OWOSSO CARNEGIE LIBRARY PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Owosso City Hall

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chairman Rob Teich, Vice Chairman Justin Horvath, Tom Cook, Piper Brewer, Gary Wilson, Sean Harrington, Jeff Ferweda, and Nathan Henne, City Liaison (non-voting).

ABSENT: None.

AGENDA APPROVAL: April 23, 2026.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA BY COOK. SECONDED BY HARRINGTON.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES APPROVAL: N/A — This is the first meeting of the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Committee Mission Statement (RESOLUTION)

The committee reviewed and discussed the proposed mission statement for the Owosso Carnegie Library Property Committee.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT BY COOK. SECONDED BY BREWER.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Committee Rules (RESOLUTION)

The committee reviewed and discussed the proposed rules governing the operation of the committee.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE RULES BY HORVATH. SECONDED BY WILSON.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.



3. Overview / History of Carnegie Library (INFORMATION)

The committee received an overview of the history of the Owosso Carnegie Library and a broader discussion of Carnegie libraries throughout Michigan and how they have been reused in other communities.

4. Deed Information and Reverter Clause Efforts To Date (INFORMATION)

The committee received information regarding the deed to the Carnegie Library property and the reverter clause contained therein. The committee had questions regarding the quiet title process. A communication from the City Attorney to the City Manager on this subject was shared with the committee.

The committee expressed a desire to hear directly from the City Attorney at the May meeting regarding the quiet title process and his efforts to date in contacting members of the Woodard family.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nicky Sheldon, 619 N. Hickory Street, addressed the committee with the following comments: The disability accessibility consultant should present at a formal public meeting rather than the library walkthrough, so that members of the public have the opportunity to hear from the consultant. The Carnegie Library is an important community asset with deep ties for residents of all ages. Ms. Sheldon cautioned that when cities sell assets, the community benefit tends to be less lasting than retaining ownership for future generations.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

The committee discussed the information they would like staff to prepare for the May meeting. The following items were requested:

- Financial information regarding building utilities, maintenance costs, and related expenses.
- A copy of the existing lease agreement between the City and the library.
- A list of known maintenance needs for the building.
- Whether the property is referenced in the City's Master Plan and, if so, in what context.
- Basic property information, including: current zoning, number of available parking spaces, any appraisal of the property on file, and building floor plans.
- Whether the City has any current or anticipated need for the space for municipal operations.

NEXT MEETING: May 28, 2026

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING MADE BY HORVATH. SECONDED BY WILSON.

AYES ALL. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:08 P.M.