



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of April 12, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Dave Acton – Chair
MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dave Acton, Vice Chair Mark Erickson, Commissioner Gary Wilson, Commissioner Deb Adams
MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Susan Osika

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

APPROVE MINUTES – March 8, 2021

Motion by Wilson to approve

Supported by Erickson to update officer roles

Passed by voice vote

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Erickson to approve the agenda with the addition of an item of business to start meeting in person or to continue with virtual meetings

Supported by Wilson

Passed by voice vote

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. **Historical Monument Rehab Grant Match:** Henne explained that a local resident secured a grant to rehabilitate 2 historic monuments in the city – two of which are the Curwood castle monument and the Comstock cabin monument. The match for these grants is \$792 per monument. Henne explained that the funds for the match could come from the millage fund or the operating fund.
 - a. Moved by Martenis to pay the match (\$1584) for the two monument rehab grants from the millage fund

- b. Supported by Wilson
- c. Passed by voice vote

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

City Manager Henne updated the commission on the February Revenue and Expenditures report, the cash balance report as of March 31, 2021. Erickson asked for clarification on the debits and credits for the cash balance report. Henne presented the recommended budget for fiscal year 2021-22. Erickson asked if hiring a director was possible at a later date if the commission wished to do so. Henne responded that at this time, the city did not plan to hire another director. A budget for the millage fund was not presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Denice Grace said that the Curwood book ends were donated to the Castle anonymously. The Castle is open with COVID protocol in effect. John Schaffer will be staffing the Castle one day per week. 74 people came through the castle the first week and the opening was covered by both newspapers. Henne explained that the broken exhibit door will be getting repaired soon. Grace said that Woodard Furniture wanted to donate a wooden box to the OHC.

- Moved by Wilson to thank Woodard but decline the donation
- Supported by Erickson
- Passed by voice vote

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Erickson explained some efforts to partner with local organizations for the upcoming 100th anniversary of the castle. Acton lamented that the home tour probably was not a possibility this year due to public reticence to opening their homes to strangers. Erickson brought up the SAC's plans to have an outdoor "walking tour" and that the membership should keep an eye on that as a partnership possibility. Action explained the OHC needs ways to generate funds. The SAC and OHC plans to collaborate to sell historic holiday ornaments in the likeness of the Castle. The price is estimated at \$50.00.

Henne presented the staff report outlining progress on the Gould House project. Henne asked the Commission if they wanted to bid the mechanical portion now or wait until the bids came back for the rest of the project.

- The Commission was in agreement that the bidding should move forward immediately for the mechanical.

Henne said the survey results will be ready for the next meeting in May.

Acton and Erickson agreed to meet to discuss fund generation along with Commissioner Adams.

ADJOURNMENT

Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Martenis supported. Voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 P.M.