

THE RAVENNA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL BE MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: September 17, 2024
TIME OF MEETING: 7:00 PM
LOCATION OF MEETING: Ravenna City Hall 103 N. Main St. Ravenna
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting Agenda

Transcribed on September 19, 2024

Called to order at 7:00 PM

Quorum Met:

Mayor Erik Premont-Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Claude Lewis, Jr-Present

City Commissioner Chad Goode-Absent

City Secretary Pat Patterson-Present

1. Citizens Opportunity to Speak:

No citizens wishing to speak at this time.

2. Statutory Consent Agenda-The Statutory Consent Agenda includes non-controversial and routine Items that may be acted upon with one single vote. An item may be pulled from the Consent Agenda In order that it be discussed and acted upon individually as part of the Regular Agenda.

A. Consideration and possible action to approve meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 20, 2024-Pat Patterson, City Secretary.

B. Consideration and possible action to accept financial report for month ending August, 2024.

(Claude) I make a motion that we approve the minutes and accept the financial statement.

(Erik) I second that motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:05PM

3. Consider and take action regarding burn ban. (Activated)

A. Consider and take action regarding burn ban signs.

The Fire Chief was present. The burn ban was continued as being active.

4. Reports from Commissioners and City Staff (No Action to Be Taken)

A. Mayor-Erik Premont-Announced the tax approval for the special meeting for next Tuesday. Also pronounces that he had taken classes on the legal procedures for being a Mayor.

It was discussed that the interlocal agreement for Fannin County inspecting septic systems are not valid and that they are no longer going to approve or give permits for the septic systems. People who have aerobic systems have been paying the county for the inspection when they have no authority to accept the fees. Lawyer Michael Evans stated that the people who have been paying these fees should request them to be refunded since the county has no jurisdiction over the city of Ravenna. It was suggested to go to the next Commissioner's Court meeting and ask for your money back. If there is not Interlocal Agreement between the county and the city then there is no jurisdiction for them to collect. This is one of those things that has gone along as a "handshake".

Ambulance service for rural communities will be discontinued after October 1, 2024.
Discussion on what will be happening in the upcoming year for the Fannin County.

B. Mayor Pro Tem-Claude Lewis, Jr.: He did attend the Fire Department's meeting on September 4, 2024. Was very good and informative. All other information will be on other line items.

C. City Commissioner-Chad Goode: No Show.

D. City Secretary-Pat Patterson (activities and information)
Ending the fiscal year quite well. Bringing in for the year \$68,786.85 and spending for year \$33,201.12 with \$31,467.86 under budget for the year.
Property tax for the year was \$14,904.75 and the Tax rebate for the year was \$16,369.22.
Will have a drop off soon.

E. TCOG Representative-Mary Browning-Rodriguez (update):
Went over the agenda for the governor board meeting.
Will have a drop off soon.

F. City Attorney-Michael Evans (updates on City legal work)
The old bank building was discussed. It was learned that the fire department holds the deed to the building. At this time do not know who is on the title
The Fire Chief and Mr. Evans will be able to work together on this project.

G. Planning and Zoning-Mark Owens
Brought up to date the meetings and what was accomplished.
Pointed out the area map on the wall of the city limits.

H. Communications-James Peercy (update)
Did not attend because he had nothing to report.

5. Consider and take action regarding 200 E. Maple St violations.
Tabled until next month. Waiting on further information from Mr. Mark Posey.
6. Consider and take action regarding Ordinance Violations at 210 Red Bud (Property ID 72832).
Due to health issues this will be tabled until next month.
7. Consider and take action regarding Ordinance Violations at 116 W Sycamore St (Property ID 72807).
8. Consider and take action regarding Ordinance Violations at 204 W Sycamore St (Property ID 72804).
Mrs. Sandra Stone was unable to attend due to health issues. Will send a letter to inform us of what her plans will be. Table till next month
9. Consider and take action regarding the Old Bank Building.
Mr. Evans said that he will get it ready. There are grants out there to get the building repaired. The City Staff received the minutes from the Fire Department so that the deed can be transferred.
Tabled until next month.

10. Consider and take action regarding Food Trucks being allowed to operate at Farmer's Market. Take off Agenda until further notice.

11. Consider and take action regarding making City Flags available for purchase by City Residences. Take off Agenda until further notice.

12. Consider and take action regarding pay raise for City Secretary Pat Patterson.

(Claude) I make a motion for the City Secretary Pat Patterson to have a raise of \$5 making her hourly pay be \$20 per hour to begin on October 1, 2024.

(Erik) I second that motion. Anyone opposed? Passes unanimously at 7:53PM

13. Consider and take action regarding City Budget for FY 2024-2025.

Ordinance 10BBB

An ordinance of the City Commissioners of the City of Ravenna, Texas adopting the budget for the city of Ravenna, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and appropriating funds therefore finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law, and providing severability and repealer clauses.

(Claude) I make a motion that we pass Ordinance 10BBB for the FY 2024-2025.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:56PM.

14. Consider and take action regarding P & Z recommendations.

No recommendations at this time.

15. Consider and take action regarding the following City of Ravenna public works projects: street Maintenance, road work, and culverts; solar streetlights; tree trimming and mowing.

(Red Bud washout)

With the appropriate use of the tax payer's money, we now have enough money to get some work done. We will be proposing requests for RFP. There is already a budget so that we can Start buying more gravel in the next week or two.

A big Marque was attained at no cost to the city. A new front needs to be put on the marque and all this is a donation from Claude. There was a citizen who had letters that can be used for the information for the sign.

Are there any streets that need to be repaired? Let Claude know.

16. Adjournment.

(Claude) I make a motion that we adjourn,

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 8:03PM.