

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

DATE OF MEETING: February 25, 2025
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 February 27, 2025

Allegiance said

Called to order 7:00 PM
Mayor Erik Premont-Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Claude Lewis, Jr.-Present
Secretary Pat Patterson-Present

1. Citizens Opportunity to Speak

John Baecht from Savoy (8059 FM 1753, 903-271-9597) stood to let us know about a Lithium plant trying to go in in that area. It will impact the fire safety in the area.

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 January 21, 2025-Pat Patterson, City Secretary.

B. Consideration and possible action to accept financial report for month ending January, 2025.

(Claude) I make a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes held on January 21, 2025 and accept the financial report for month ending January, 2025.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone oppose? Passes unanimously at 7:04 PM

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

A. Consider and take action regarding burn ban signs.

No changes to burn ban.

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

A. Mayor-Erik Premont: Everything I have is a line item.

B. Mayor Pro Tem-Claude Lewis, Jr.: We will need to take a look at some folks that are living in travel trailers, because there are ordinances not allowing in this. They need to receive a special permit from the Commission. One on Main and One on East Sycamore.

C. City Commissioner

D. City Secretary-Pat Patterson (activities and information): I talked to TCEQ about Ed Roberts and they can't really do anything for us. They suggest that we get with the local authorities and see what they can do for us.

A certified letter was mailed to Barbara Persons and it was returned. I did learn that her mail box was stuffed full so she has not received the regular letter yet.

I paid for the dirty rock that was dumped on Pine Street. Two loads at \$500 a load totaling \$1,000. Looks like Cedar needs a couple of loads as well.

We had no applications for Commissioner except for Claude Lewis, Jr. It was placed in several noticeable places hoping that someone would come forward.

I paid the insurance bill and we do have liability on this building as well as fire and damage. It has gone up and it is no \$1,983.47.

I paid the Texas Municipal League Membership that is where we have access to lawyers and classes that doesn't cost us anything. \$651 for that.

The last State Fiscal Tax check came in and was \$3397.38.

Compared to Granite that was \$6.54 and Frontier that was \$8.91.

Our Revenue is up to \$26,513.54 Our Tax Revenue is \$13,403.77 and that is for this year and that is also much as last year. Our expenses are \$8,850.45.

E. TCOG Representative-Mary Browning-Rodriguez (update) Absent

F. City Attorney-Michael Evans (updates on City legal work) Absent

G. Planning and Zoning-Mark Owens: We were supposed to meet but we did not have a quorum. I would ask if the council could lower the number of people required for a quorum. A line item will be placed on next month to get this done. Mark will do some research.

H. Communications-James Percy (update) Absent

5. Consider and take action regarding nominations for itinerary City Commissioner until election for commissioners is held on May 6, 2025. Nothing can be done because no one would come forward.

6. Status update regarding 200 E. Maple St violations.

(Claude) What we will have to do is RFP for that property to get someone to come out and clean that property. We can request proposals and receive bids by close of business by March 25th. We can come down and open the bids and it doesn't require a meeting.

(Claude) I make a motion to put an RFP ad in the paper request for proposal.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:28 PM

7. Consider and take action regarding Ordinance Violations at 210 Red Bud (Property ID 72832). Letters sent to Sherri Watkins to let them know what is happening.

8. Consider and take action regarding placing an advertisement for receiving bids to hire a CPA to do an audit for the City of Ravenna.

(Claude) I will make a motion that we advertise a request for proposals for a certified CPA to audit the City of Ravenna Finances going back 5 years.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:30 PM.

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

The council has to reduce the number required to hold a meeting from 4 to 3 including the Commissioner.

10. 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. Discuss travel trailers/RVs and residences residing in them.

(Red Bud washout)

(Claude) This week I got Poplar bladed and as far as gravel I don't think that we need to add any gravel yet. Someone has gone through and bladed the ditches and removed the cane breaks. I don't know who has done it, but thank you to whoever did. It allowed me to get some other things done in that area.

I talked to Chad to see about getting a couple loads of base rock put back over here (next to the city hall) so that we can start shoveling around and fix some holes. That was almost two weeks and with the weather I will give him another call tomorrow and see about getting those dumped up here so that we can start fixing some more holes.

I got the pole at Carter's taken down. I just cut the pole up and I have one more to pull out. As much as Frontier has been upset about that pole, they have one at Cherry and East Sycamore that is at a 45-degree angle and their cable lines are just a few feet above the ground in those folk's front yard. My other question was: didn't we get an updated Interlocal Agreement?

(Pat) Yes. I had Erik sign it. I was late getting it back to him because of the postponed meeting. The new Interlocal Agreement was read to the public. We will be entrusting the county to help us get the roads cleaned up and repaired.

The two worst streets are going to be Red Bud and the West half of W. Sycamore. (The down hill side of W. Sycamore.) Once that is done, we can get the county to come and shred the trees on the side and roll the ditches into an actual ditch then we can buy rock and put on it.

A request for proposal for tree trimming the rights-of-way on city streets. The idea is for them to come in and give us a bid, get the trees out of the ditches, grind it up. We need to pick out streets that we want done in an orderly manner, priority wise. I would say 1) W Sycamore St. 2) Oak Street 3) Red Bud Street 4) Pecan St. (Needs rock through the first half.) Get a proposal for someone to come in and clear that brush, to allow us to do the road work.

(Claude) I make a motion that we make a request for proposal bid for tree trimming on these listed streets: W Sycamore, Oak, Red Bud and Pecan.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:41PM.

11. Adjournment.

(Claude) I make a motion that we adjourn.

(Erik) I second it. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:47PM