

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

DATE OF MEETING:	March 18, 2025
TIME OF MEETING:	7:00 PM
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Ravenna City Hall 103 N. Main St. Ravenna
TYPE OF MEETING:	Regular Meeting Agenda

Allegiances quoted

Transcribed on March 20, 2025

Called to order

Mayor Erik Premont-Present

Mayor Pro-Tem-Present

City Secretary Pat Patterson-Present

1. Citizens Opportunity to Speak

No one desiring to speak.

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 February 25, 2025-Pat Patterson, City Secretary.

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

(Claude) I make a motion to approve meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2025 and to accept the financial report for month ending February, 2025.

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

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

A. Consider and take action regarding burn ban signs.

(Claude) I make a motion to activate the burn ban.

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

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

A. Mayor-Erik Premont: My report will be on following line items.

B. Mayor Pro Tem-Claude Lewis, Jr.: Just as informational, spent a couple of days doing some road repair. Cleaned out some ditches and used that dirt to fill in some holes on the lot next door. I cleaned out a ditch right here to get the water off the road and I cleaned out a section of Red Bud. Filled in one of the washouts and put some rock over there. I got E. Sycamore, Red Bud, Pine St, and the first part of Pecan where were some big holes that are not there now.

C. City Commissioner

D. City Secretary-Pat Patterson (activities and information): Got with the Leader and got those three advertisements out. We heard from one of them who got in touch with Claude.

(Claude) the CPA.

(Pat) Yes.

(Claude)Who is she with? I was driving at the time.

(Pat) She is with Baker Tilly US LLP in Milwaukee WI.

(Claude) I don't think they will work if they are not State Certified. Because the Law says that it has to be a Texas certified. Right?

(Pat) I will email her and let her know. She had talked about working remotely.

(Michael) You might ask her, Pat, if they have any CPA's that they use locally.

(Claude) That is one of the key things that I remember when I read through the law is that they needed to be Texas State Certified. Sorry, I didn't mean to intrude.

(Pat) No, that is what I need. Otherwise, we haven't heard from anyone else on anything. Right?

(Claude) I haven't heard anything. That is the only person that I have heard from.

(Pat) I will get with them and ask them about that.

Don, Preacher Don, he retired.

(Claude) That doesn't break my heart. We can just ask Anthony to take over.

(Erik) He no longer works for us either. We can ask Anthony's partner to take over. He did refer his partner.

(Pat)It is bothering his back too bad. That tractor is beating him up.

(Claude) That Zero Turn has no suspension on them.

(Pat) Even though he has been working out, trying to get the muscles in his back stronger, it has not been as much help as he would have liked.

We had road maintenance this past month and spent \$2200 on that. CCS for our Tech \$97.43. Isn't bad; it is usually \$125. Membership for TCOG was \$200. We have brought in \$28,801.88 as of today and our expenses has been \$13, 771.81 as of today.

I don't know what we are going to do with the Ordinance for Ravenna-Nunnelee WSC. It was supposed to be renewed December 31, 2024 or the first part of January. I have it all written ready to go. I think we were waiting on them to have their meeting to decide on this?

(Claude) That was last fall and they have never given us any information after that.

(Michael) Is there a place for them to sign as well as the City of Ravenna?

(Pat) Yes, there is.

(Michael) Who is the person that is authorized to sign for them?

(Pat) It just says the President of the Board, I don't have their name. I didn't know when I wrote this up. I can change that very easily.

(Michael) If you can find out who their authorized signatory is and put their name on it, then you can send it over to the Leader with the current date for Ravenna-Nunnelee and the January 21, 2025 date like it is for Ravenna.

(Pat) Deb Winkler brought in some pictures of the local churches and we will be framing them and putting them up around the City Hall. We will be putting up more of those type of historical pictures as well as former council members. I have two already and Joe Passanisi sent me some more. So, I can get those printed and matted and put up on the wall as well. Try to make this place a little bit more inviting.

(Claude) What was the certified letter request of all our ordinances?

(Pat) I copied the letter off and gave it to Mr. Evans and he is going to take care of it.

(Claude) I talked to someone and Ravenna-Nunnelee had a meeting tonight at 6PM. They didn't say where. I will get some contact information and let you know.

(Pat) I will get some contact information and get it ready to be signed.

E. TCOG Representative-Mary Browning-Rodriguez (update): Gave a summary of the meeting listing what was covered and what grants were being reviewed.

F. City Attorney-Michael Evans (updates on City legal work): I am going to see who this open free lance paralegal is with an open records request out of Lockhart. I don't see how your ordinances relate to Lockhart. I am going to see who this is and they have to be responded to; and we can't ask them why. I'm going to see if we can open that ordinance book and they can sit at that table and read.

The Ordinances will be updated on Thursday.

G. Planning and Zoning-Mark Owens: No updates as of this time.

H. Communications-James Peercy (update): Was not available.

5. Consideration and discussion only regarding Fannin County Lithium Battery site(s) and planned sites. (Troy Wagner) I just came from Savoy and they are not happy. I have a proclamation from them that I am going to take to the judge so that we can start a 391 with them. Also, we are hiring a County wide Fire Marshal today. With restrictions and we have to get him bonded.

(Michael) So, what Savoy is looking for is community support and participation that would be required and this would be everybody; Lenoard, Trenton, Windom, Honey Grove, Ravenna, Bonham, the signatories and a resolution in favor of that. Commissioner correct me if I am wrong, but that has several steps to it. I will get some language for a resolution for that and get it to Pat and y'all could pass that and send it over to Savoy. It has the potential to be, with those massive lithium batteries, even spraying powder on them, sometimes you just have to let them burn out. With those schools, especially with the wind and the smoke being toxic. It can travel up to forty miles.

Discussion of what needs to be done and the results of what would happen if we do not get ahead of this. Also, the dangers of this and how toxic it can be.

There will be an emergency meeting to get the 391-resolution voted on ASAP.

6. Consideration and discussion only regarding Community Center property.

Nothing has been found about the keys and the legal issues. We will be looking for anyone who may have information on the building. Looking to see if it has been abandoned.

7. Consider and take action regarding reducing the number of voting members required from 4 to 3 (including the board commissioner) on the P&Z committee.

(Claude) I make a motion that we reduce the number of voting members from 4 to 3.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposed? Passes unanimously at 7:49PM.

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

No responses to cleanup on this property.

9. Consider and take action regarding Ordinance Violations at 210 Red Bud (Property ID 72832). What can be done to a property if we are unable to get in touch with the owners? If it needs to be mowed then have it mowed and then get a mowing lien against it. Whatever the cost is to get that stuff hauled away and then put the lien against it.

(Claude) I make a motion that if someone puts in for the request for proposal for lot cleanup that we add 210 Red Bud to that list.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:57PM.

10. Consider and take action regarding Ordinance Violations regarding unlawful permanent residence in a travel trailer/RV as stated in Ordinance 19D.

There is someone set up as a permanent residence. There is a travel trailer on Main that is set up. TCEQ is now inspecting the sewers.

This is a property that is owned by Sandra Stone. She appears to be unaware of the encroachment of someone on her property.

(Claude) I make a motion the we send Certified and regular letters to Sandra Stone and Caplinger.

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

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

No recommendations at this time.

12. 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 RVs and residences residing in them.

(Red Bud washout)

Filled holes E Sycamore. Still have rock and will continue patching holes. Once I use this rock up over, I will get more and continue to work on filling up holes. Red Bud is the worse right now so I would like to get that passable. As soon as I can get down there and get that bladed, I pull some onto the washout and then I can put that heavy rock on top of it.

Will get in touch with Anthony's partner first.

One of the RFP's is for the tree trimming, clearing brush. No one has gotten in touch for that.

Claude knows a couple of people who do that and he will get in touch with them and let them know what we are looking for.

Claude will remove the pole at Cherry and E Sycamore that was used for the solar power lights.

13. Adjournment.

(Claude) I make a motion that we adjourn.

(Erik) I second it. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 8:11PM.