

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

DATE OF MEETING: April 15, 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 April 17, 2025

Pledges of Allegiance

Called to order at 7:03PM

Mayor Erik Premont-Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Claude Lewis, Jr.-Present

City Secretary Pat Patterson-Present

Quorum was met

1. Citizens Opportunity to Speak

Deb Winkler: Brought concerns about the roads leading to the city cemetery along with pictures and the fact that it needed to be repaired, that it was a disgrace to the city. This is on Cedar Street.

Steve Hasten, Fire Chief of Ravenna: made an announcement of the annual fund raiser BBQ for the Volunteer Fire Department.

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 March 18, 2025-Pat Patterson, City Secretary.

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

(Claude) I make a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2025 and accept financial report for month ending March, 2025.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:06PM.

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

A. Consider and take action regarding burn ban signs.

(Claude) The county has deactivated it and we will have a lot of rain this weekend. The winds are dying down. It is as State that if the winds are over 28mph you can't burn anyway.

I make a motion that we deactivate the burn ban.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:07PM

(Steve) Are the signs still up?

(Claude) There are only two signs left. When the highway department came through, they removed our signs and we have tried to get them to put our signs back. There were originally four signs. The contractor took them down and never put them back up.

I will look up the signs and order them. We buy them and Tex-Dot puts them up.

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

A. Mayor-Erik Premont: I did a webinar on good government education. Had a nice conversation with new residence at 350 S. Main dog issues. Daughter is afraid of neighbor dog that appears to harass the little daughter. Trying to promote good communication between neighbors.

B. Mayor Pro Tem-Claude Lewis, Jr.: Since last meeting I was able to mow the City Hall lot, but haven't gotten to much else. The rest will be on Item 10.

C. City Commissioner

D. City Secretary-Pat Patterson (activities and information): Christie Ussery came by to ask questions about the Community Center. She is going to leave it exempt this year until we can find out the true status of it.

Sent an email to CPA to let her know about the State letting her do our audit. Have not heard from as of today.

The Rep from Oncor came by to drop off franchise checks totaling \$14.51 and \$4659.37.

Had Weston Whiteside come by to put in a bid for mowing the City properties. Is charging \$250.00 every two weeks for all properties. This includes all amenities.

Paid CCS for the past 3 invoices totaling \$642.73. It had to do with website and Quicken.

Received invoices for the Fannin CAD collection was \$52.50 and Appraisal \$136.25 services and this is due in June.

To date we have an income of \$35,906.05 and Expenses of \$14,815.32

E. TCOG Representative-Mary Browning-Rodriguez (update): April 26th Earth Day festival from 9 to 4 at the Sherman Municipal building accepting electronics, etc. May 3, hazardous materials but must make an appointment at the TCOG building, went over projects for grants and help for citizens.

F. City Attorney-Michael Evans (updates on City legal work): I spoke with a board-certified Real-estate attorney, Pitty Brown and the Community Center shouldn't have been exempt because they weren't a charity or tax exempt. By now someone could have bought it and done something with it. She suggested to try and find any of those family members from any of those trustee members where they could become successor trustees were in succession. Where they could have a quorum like 4 of those people so that they could do the business of the Community Center. It's just unincorporated association. It is the loosest thing that you could have. And still not have to pay taxes. Of all those people if you could look and find any adult children, grandchildren or nieces or nephews. We are looking to try and move this thing. I could not find a Trust document. When you create a trust, you have to file it with the county clerk to have it registered as a trust. He deeded it to these people as trustees. It is not legal and they would not be able to legally sell it and split the proceeds.

There was discussion on the descendants of the trustees and getting in touch with them to get the deed cleared up.

G. Planning and Zoning-Mark Owens: Discussed the parameters of the zones that was formed and given the basic physical description of the city. This was presented to the city. It was moved to Line Item 9 to be voted on.

H. Communications-James Peercy (update): Not present.

5. Consider and take action regarding request for camper trailer to temporarily remain at 204 W Sycamore St. until permanent residence can be built.

Max gave his request to live in his travel trailer until his house is built and continue to ask for 90-day extensions until that project is completed.

(Claude) I make a motion that Mr. Phillips can use his RV as a temporary residence for 90-days and at the end of 90-days if he is still not ready, he can come back and we can do another 90-day extension. (By July 15, 2025)

(Erik) I second that motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:52PM.

6. Consider and take action regarding cancelling the May 3rd election due to lack of candidates.

(Claude) I make a motion that we cancel the May 3, 2025 elections, so that we do not have to spend all that money.

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

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

They appear to be continually cleaning up their property.

8. Consider and discuss only new owners at 210 Red Bud (Property ID 72832).

This property is in the process of being sold and the new prospective owners are in the process of cleaning up the property. This item can be removed from the agenda.

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

Moved from P&Z report.

(Claude) I make a motion we sent that back to the Planning and Zoning and get more information on this and figure something a little more concrete out.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:50PM

Moved back to P&Z report.

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/RV's and residences residing in them.

(Red Bud washout)

(Claude) No one has answered our RFP for the road maintenance or the tree trimming. So, if anybody knows anybody that can do that, please suggest that to them. So, for Cedar Street, I highlighted that area and the short North Maple St has got a wash out starting on it. I will get some rock and talk to Blake and them out there to get some rock in there on that. We can put two full belly dumps on that one. One on Cedar and a small one on this one. That should take care of those washouts.

(Steve) The agreement with Precinct 1 out of the Question?

(Claude) We have one.

(Steve) I understand that we furnish the materials and he furnished the labor and the equipment.

(Claude) The agreement with Precinct 1, on that is it where we just hire you guys and we just pay for you to do it?

(Troy) You just pay for the fuel and we do the work. We are not supposed to take care of the cemetery road.

(Debbie) It is a city street.

(Claude) I will get rock out there hopefully this week end before it rains. Get some belly dumps out there.

(Debbie) It needs to be graded first and then the rock put on it.

(Claude) We need to get the one by the cemetery done it first. We need to scrape the grass back and level it out then put down the rock.

The ditches are needing to be cleaned out then we can work on the roads. We need to work on cleaning the ditches and then put rock down and fix the roads.

Started cleaning out the ditches on Red Bud Street. Will have to start calling professionals to come out and clean the trees and brush out of the ditches.

11. Adjournment.

(Claude) I make the motion that we adjourn.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 8:08 PM.