

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

DATE OF MEETING: August 19, 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 August 21, 2025

Called to order

Mayor Erik Premont-Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Claude Lewis, Jr-Present

City Secretary Pat Patterson-Present

Quorum Met

### **1. Citizens Opportunity to Speak**

No citizens 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 July 22, 2025-Pat Patterson, City Secretary.

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

(Claude) I make a motion that we approve the meeting held on July 22, 2025 and accept the financial report or the month ending July, 2025.

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

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

A. Consider and take action regarding burn ban signs.

No changes made to the burn ban. Rain is expected.

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

A. Mayor-Erik Premont-I have nothing until the line items.

B. Mayor Pro Tem-Claude Lewis, Jr.-I think I can do all of mine on the line items.

C. City Commissioner

D. City Secretary-Pat Patterson (activities and information)-Miss Christie is here from Fannin CAD to help us with the Property Tax Rate Increase. Our increase should be 0.116630 which will give us calculated using the Total Adjusted Taxable Value of the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet of \$17,219. An increase of only \$1,239. We will have a Special Meeting on August 26, 2025 to vote on approval.

There were 6 loads of rock (24 tons) at \$600 a load coming to \$3600. Claude questioned the loads dropped and said that he will call Chad and check to be sure of the amount.

Fannin CAD sent us a refund check of \$27.32; Frontier's franchise check was \$8.91. Still having issues with Quicken.

Total Revenues = \$48,717.85

Total Expenses = \$26,242.41

E. TCOG Representative-Mary Browning-Rodriguez (update) Government Board Meeting will be light. New increase of 68% with energy. Alzheimer walks in October. Job openings at the City of Sherman and Denison.

F. City Attorney-Michael Evans (updates on City legal work) not available.

G. Planning and Zoning-Mark Owens-Did meet for the placement or zoning for the Sexual Oriented Businesses. We had initially adopted those zoning boundaries as we stated before and we are going to offer a suggested application process for sexually oriented businesses. We are looking at basically adopting the same ordinances as the City of Dallas. It has 40 pages and very expensive to apply as well as difficult to pass. It includes back-ground checks for not just the owners, but also their family members and all the employees.

Could also have them charge an admission fee that would come back to the city. There are a lot of fees and charges that would be too ridiculous to have in a small city that would be discouraging. They would all be legal.

Will have something at the next council meeting.

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

5. Consider and discuss the honey bees and the national help that is available.

We already have local beekeepers in our area that will help with the bees.

6. Consider and take action regarding drafting a letter for acknowledgement of receipt of their letter that was hand delivered on July 17<sup>th</sup> about the RV on the 107 Red Bud property requiring permission for habitation of longer than 30 days.

The letter that was hand delivered and stated that they would have the RV moved out before the 90 days had expired. Erik suggested that a letter be sent to remind them that they had stated that they would have the RV removed if it had not been done so before the letter is sent. It is 45 days sense we have received this letter and only 45 days left to the 90 days. The letter will be sent to our legal council to receive his blessings before being sent to the Vedal's.

(Claude) I make a motion that we draft a letter acknowledging that we received their letter dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of July.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:35PM.

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

No recommendations at this time.

8. 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. Repairs to the street and stop sign on the corner of Cedar and Main.

(Red Bud washout)

Like Pat we received 6 loads, but I didn't see it. Someone had already spread it. I wanted two loads on W. Sycamore and two loads on Elm St and two loads on Willow. When I got home somebody had already beating me to Willow so I took care of W. Sycamore and Elm St. I think there was only one load on each of those so I will call Chad tomorrow. If they put them on Willow, great I will have him bring me two more to finish out the wash outs on those other two streets.

We have enough in the budget that we need to finish out before the Fiscal Year end. I trimmed trees off of E Sycamore and W Sycamore so that he could get the trucks down there.

I started loading the tree debris off the highway here, but they stacked the trunks in such a way that they are hard to move and my tractor won't move the big tree.

I trimmed a bunch on Cherry, but I put it in my pasture for my sheep to eat on. I want to finish the trimming on Willow, but I ran out of time.

I want to try and mow some of those ditches and try to get some of that grass out of the way before I call the county to grade the road.

As soon as I get the other loads of rock in, I will call the county to come in and grade.

I want to get some more loads in and I still haven't gotten any measurements on the culverts that we need.

The data plate on the marque says that it is out of Florida. To replace the plate the sign will cost \$15,000. We got it for the great price of free. We will have to get a new plastic which will include a new letter sign, it comes with all the letters, three sets of letters. But we have to decide on a logo and what we want it to say. That was going to come to about \$4800. That's better than \$15,000. Got to find a spot to put it and the cost of concrete, because we will have to put a concrete anchor on it.

I just wanted to give you a heads up that I had talked to them and they will send up a quote to my email.

Joe said had mentioned that he couldn't find the stuff that I had cut for the message board out front. I will just cut more.

9. Adjournment.

(Claude) I make a motion to adjourn.

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