

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

DATE OF MEETING: January 16, 2024
TIME OF MEETING: 7:00 PM
LOCATION OF MEETING: Ravenna City Hall 103 N. Main St. Ravenna
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting Agenda

Called to order

Transcribed on January 18, 2024
Mayor Joe Passanisi-Zoom
Mayor ProTem Claude Lewis, Jr-Present
City Commissioner Chad Goode-Present
City Secretary Pat Patterson-Present

1. Citizens Opportunity to Speak: Christina Tillet is a candidate for District Judge. She got up to speak about the upcoming election and solicited votes from citizens. Gave a summary of her background. Mark A. Owens just moved into Ravenna. He and his wife, Kelly who just bought the house at 318 Main and came to the meeting to introduce himself to the community.
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 December 19, 2023-Pat Patterson, City Secretary.
(Chad) I make a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2023.
(Claude) I second it.
 - B. Consideration and possible action to accept financial report for month ending December, 2023.
(Chad) I make a motion to accept the financial report for the month ending December, 2023.
(Claude) I second it.
(Joe) I have a motion for the Line Items A & B both. Any opposed the meeting minutes and financial report? Passes unanimously at 7:06 PM.
3. Consider and take action regarding burn ban. (Currently deactivated).
All in agreement that no action should be taken.
4. Reports from Commissioners and City Staff (No Action to Be Taken)
 - A. Mayor-Joe Passanisi: I had a call from a Brandon Gilliespie, someone who I actually went to High School with. He says that he has a project that he is looking at here in Ravenna and he is wanting to meet with us in the next couple weeks and wants to see the possibilities of them coming in and about doing

a subdivision. I haven't gotten any details of what it is or where it is. He left me that message. As I get more information, I will let you guys know. The property next to the City Hall I had a lady that runs the Ector gas station and restaurant, she is looking for an additional location to put in a new facility and she is talking about Ravenna. She wants to come out sometime and look at the property and talk to us about that as well. She got back in town on the 10th of January obviously I have not had the time to get with her since she has been back. That is on my agenda to get with her in the next week or so and try and set up something with her and see if we can get anything moving forward with that.

B. Mayor Pro Tem-Claude Lewis, Jr.: Everything of mine will be covered under 11, 12, 13.

C. City Commissioner-Chad Goode: After missing the last few meetings due to reasons. I'm back and I am just getting back up to speed.

D. City Secretary-Pat Patterson (activities and information): I have completed the SAM.gov and now the UEI has been renewed. It had not been renewed since 2016. It is to be renewed every year and the next time it is to be renewed is 12/27/2024.

We had a Texas Public Information Act Request on 1/04/2024 which I forwarded to Michael Evans who sent a reply to Tarah Fernandes stating that there were no Code violations dated between 12/01/2023 and 12/31/2023.

There has been a large increase in the Interest & Syncing bank account for the Property Taxes.

Interest & Syncing account balance is \$5114.03.

The total increase for the city income is \$12,113.43.

The total expenditures for the city are \$6205.98.

E. TCOG Representative-Mary Browning-Rodriguez (update): Thursday a governing board meeting at TCOG. The consent agenda will include community services block, grant contract, etc.

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

Mr. Evans had a personal situation that needed to be taken care of.

G. Planning and Zoning:

Nothing at this time.

H. Communications-James Peercy (update)

Nothing from Mr. James Peercy at this time.

5. Consider and take action regarding 106 Poplar ordinance violations.

Joe has been unable to get with the owner of property, because of Joe himself being in the hospital for a lengthy period of time. Will get with the owner to find out the cost of what he wants to spend to get all those vehicles removed.

6. Consider and take action regarding 200 E. Maple ordinance violations.

(Claude) One of the neighbors called me two weeks ago, between Christmas and New Years, they had moved in another trailer. They are living out of another travel trailer. I don't know what is going on the front door is not there, there is a piece of plywood propped up and there is a car sitting out front with all the doors open and have been open for a week or two. I haven't seen anyone there every time that I have gone over there. I believe it was December 5th that they parked the new camper.

(Chad) Honestly it looks like an erected land fill over there.

(Claude) It is worse now than it has ever been.

(Chad) They continue to build small structures.

(Claude) I don't know what they are building over there. It looks like a maze of corrugated metal and one of the neighbors is not happy.

The property has reverted back to the unacceptable condition that it was in at the beginning of the

investigation. Four letters have been sent to the property owner dating as far back as February 23, 2023. The council has come to the conclusion that a fine need to be issued and the County needs to be called regarding the sewer system. An illegal travel trailer has been moved onto the property and at this time is being occupied. There has been no correspondence from the owner about this situation. (Chad) I make a motion that we fine 200 E Maple, Ravenna, Texas 75476 for City Ordinance 29 violations.

(Claude) I second that motion.

(Joe) Any opposed? Passes unanimously at 7:20 PM

7. Consider and take action regarding 114 E. Sycamore St ordinance violations.
Send written notice, once owner is known along with his address, to clean up the property.
(Chad) I make a motion for 114 E Sycamore to send a written notice to clean up lot.
(Joe) Do I have a second?
(Claude) I second the motion.
(Joe) Any opposed? Passes unanimously at 7:25 PM.
8. Consider and take action regarding Clint Hemby subdivision lots.
No updates.
9. Consider and take action regarding new members for the P & Z Committee.
Still nothing about new members for the P & Z.
10. Consider and take action regarding Property Insurance for City Hall.
There is no new information and we are still looking for insurance.
(Chad) Joe, I got with TWMZ and they have been having a heck of a time getting a quote. So, I don't know if you have any providers that you have worked with on any projects that might be interested in it, but they are kind of at a stand still on it. They keep telling me that it is hard getting insurance right now on commercial properties.
(Joe) All right then we will put out more feelers and see if we can get more answers. I will reach out to Ed Meachem and see what he can do for us. He said that he would put something together for me on it but it would not be cheap. At least we can get something going.
11. Consider and take action regarding the Community Center.
Michael Evans is still doing research on the Community Center. If there was a trust it doesn't exist any more. It is under the County records that it was under that trust, but all the members are now deceased. The trust hasn't filed or paid any taxes on it.
12. Consider and take action regarding P & Z recommendations.
No P & Z recommendations because still no committee.
13. 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)
Need 2 loads of rock for Willow St.
Something is needed for Red Bud since it is washed out by 2ft. Chad will look at it and get estimates for supplies. Pat will look and see what Keith Dickey charged for his loads of rock and then relay it to

Chad.

Trees need to be trimmed on the North half of Willow St.

Red Bud is washed out so bad that it needs crushed concrete or something like it to build up that area because of the washout. It needs to be built up at least 2 feet.

14. Adjournment.

(Claude) I make a motion to adjourn.

(Chad) I second the motion

(Joe) Any opposed? Passes unanimously at 7:36 PM.