

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

DATE OF MEETING:	August 18, 2026
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 20, 2026

Called to order
Mayor Erik Premont-Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Claude Lewis, Jr.-Present
City Secretary Pat Patterson-Present
Quorum Met

United States and Texas pledges said.

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 21, 2026** and the Workshop Meeting Minutes held on **August 4, 2026**-Pat Patterson, City Secretary.

B. Consideration and possible action to accept financial report for month ending **July, 2026**.

(Claude) I make a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2026 and the Workshop Meeting Minutes held on August 4, 2026. I also accept financial report for month ending July, 2026.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone oppose? Passes unanimously at 7:02PM

3. Christie Ussery to speak on the tax rate for 2026 and to make any and all suggestions needed. Tax rate options are limited this year. The Total Taxable Value: \$16,134,944. No New Revenue Rate: \$ 0.110404; voter Approval Rate: \$0.115990; 2025 Rate: \$0.116630; Estimated Levy at NNR: \$17814. A little bit higher than last year.

Texas Local Government Code 103.003-103.005-Annual Audit

SB 1851 edited Chapter 1 03 to state that if a municipality does not have an annual audit and subsequent financial statement prepared and filed by the 180th day after the fiscal year end, their tax rate may not exceed the no-new-revenue rate.

The difference is to the third decimal.

You need to formally propose the tax rate today.

Move to Item 11 to propose the tax rate.

4. Consider and take action regarding 360 Broadband. Represented by 360 Broadband team to inform the city of the benefits.

Ryan Simmons is the representative for the 360 Broadband. They need a location for their cabinet site for the broadband. We will allow free internet for the city as well as for the Fire department. There will be a discussion on where it should be and what responsibilities the 360 Broadband will be liable for. Claude will show Ryan the best place for the cabinet. Also, on how the cabinet will be installed and the cement pad that will be placed.

There is no contract with Sparklight and no exclusivity for them. We have other internet services in the city.

This will be moved to next month for voting and approval.

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

A. Consider and take action regarding burn ban signs.

(Claude) I make the motion that we activate the burn ban.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:33PM.

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

A. Mayor-Erik Premont: Everything I have will be in a line item.

B. Mayor Pro Tem-Claude Lewis, Jr.: Everything I have will be in a line item.

~~C. City Commissioner~~

D. City Secretary-Pat Patterson (activities and information): There have been several requests for FIOA. I have sent the agreed information to them.

The \$500 for the Rainy-Day Fund has been moved from the General fund.

Received a request from Brent Grayson for a 911 address for his client.

Sent an email to the Fannin County Clerk about an election in May of 2027.

Received summary for Texas Comptroller for \$1,963.82

Need to get in touch with the exterminator for the spraying for the office.

We haven't spent as much on the budget and we need to take a break on the mowing.

~~E. Planning and Zoning-Mark Owens~~

~~F. Communications-James Peerey (update)~~

7. Consider and take action regarding the new budget for the FY year of 2026 thru 2027.

I increased the budget for the road maintenance to \$40,000. This will be what we need to spend for the roads. We may be able to get.

(Claude) I make the motion that we approve the FY 2026 thru 2027 budget as we discussed.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:40PM.

8. Consider and take action regarding a meeting for a public hearing for Community Center to set date.

Moved from Item #11.

Matt Simpson, Attorney at Law for Cole Title Company.

It was brought to his attention that the trustees of the Ravenna Community Center had all passed away and no one was voted in to take their place.

All the minutes and by-laws are no longer available. There is a need to get new trustees. It has been suggested by Andy Walker and by others with the Fire Department ought to be the entity that takes control of it because it is next to them. They can keep up the repairs and upkeep of it. It will serve the entire community includes outside the city limits.

There needs to be a meeting with an open meeting that is posted in the Leader.

There needs to be 5 trustees for the purpose of transferring the trustee to the Fire Department.

It was discussed what needs to be done to make the Community Center available to the community as well as the much-needed repairs to the building.

The meeting needs to be very public and posted in the Leader a few weeks before the meeting. And to announce the purpose of the meeting.

Back up to Item # 4.

9. Present the funds for services rendered by the Ravenna Volunteer Fire Department, as allotted in the FY budget of 2026 for the amount of \$3,000.

Presented the \$3,000 check for services and signed the receipt for records.

10. Consider and take action regarding installing new flag pole and purchasing new flags.

(Claude) I make a motion to order 2 sets of 3'x5' American and Texas flags.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:45PM.

11. Consider and take action to propose the new tax rate of 0.110404 for 2026.

Moved from Item #3.

(Claude) I make a motion that we propose the new tax rate of \$0.110404 the year of 2026.

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

Move up to Item #8.

12. Consider and take action regarding pay increase for City Secretary.

(Claude) I make a motion that we move the Secretary hourly pay up to \$23 an hour.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:48PM.

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.

Discuss travel RVs and citizens residing in them. Repairs to the street and stop sign on the corner of Cedar and Main. Pipes and foundational rebar in back of City Hall building need cleanup.

(Red Bud washout)

Not much to discuss this month. Waiting on 4 loads of rock for the roads needing rock.

The HVAC retired and moved to the coast. So, we will be looking for another person to service the HVAC. We need an annual service.

We need a fence for the city equipment so that it can be centrally located.

14. Adjournment.

(Claude) I make a motion that we adjourn.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:56PM.

