

5 Year Plan 2022-2026

To get trees trimmed and lots cleaned up. To be able to fit into the budget equipment to accomplish this as well as get the roads in better condition. To this ourselves and not wait on the county to accomplish this. Need to get the street lights repaired and where to get new ones put up. Get in touch with TXU to see about getting poles put up. Get in touch with Oncor to get some lights that are turned off turned back on and checked. Have them put them on the city bill to be paid. Some private people are paying for lights in front of their own property. Drive through the city and flag the lights that will be needed so that we can get the taxes and/or grants to support them. See about using LED lights which are brighter and less maintenance as well as using less energy. Perhaps getting metal poles to replace the poles that are broken.

Repair/maintain streetlights whether new or existing.

Repave the parking lot in front of the City Hall. Have an appropriate ADA ramp out front as well as Handicap Parking spaces. Get estimates on how much concrete will cost to surface parking lot and how much will be needed to be ADA compliant. Which will benefit the city most concrete or asphalt. Recommendation of paving the front and side. Concrete the swell to reduce erosion. Need permission from new owner to concrete the swell.

Have every street resurfaced since there is no water and/or sewer for the city to maintain; streets would be the most obvious. Whether with chip and seal or concrete. Also update ditches and culverts to preserve the roads. Having streets, ditches, culverts and tree trimming as being one priority rating almost equal with the lights.

Set up and repair signs on front of and at city hall properties and city signs:
Putting up a pipe rail sign making it our symbol and uniform with other signs throughout the city. To look special and inviting. To make the small town feel inviting, warm and welcoming.

Standardize signage throughout the city. Burn ban sign the same way. Using the sign logo of the Blue Bonnets.

Buy and build a fenced in area for city equipment and gravel:
Have the land already and just need to Maintain and upkeep city property.

Economic development:

Bring in businesses into the city as well as set up the Farmer's Market.

Historical preservation:

Trying to restore the historical properties in the Main Street area even if tearing down and rebuilding as it was when it was first built. Looking into grants to do the restoration or rebuilding of some buildings that are in the city. Form a development committee to investigate and research the improvement and/or restoration of said buildings and requirements.

Look at architecture

Property Tax:

Build a city budget and property tax will follow. Data for possible streams for income. Build and maintain city budget and revenue.

Code enforcement and permits.

Clean up and adopt ordinances:

Easy to understand and accessible ordinances. Can always adopt ordinances or tailor the ones that are in existence.

Hire a code enforcement officer who is legally able to do write tickets. Should be someone who is trained and is legal to do enforcement. Ordinance should be in place and updated.

Planning & Zoning:

Main Street to be retail to a degree. Getting a program to create a city plan drawing streets and creating more streets coming off CR 1753. Having a zoning map to allocate for industrial so that it can be controlled, but have room for development. Still have control on what would be brought in. Existing streets are improved to help with zoning.

Extending city limits. Services must be in place before city limits can be extended. ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) is one mile around the city. Have control of entrances of property that is being developed for housing locally.

Looking for improvement for Sycamore and Cherry.

Get a Cad A Program to help with zoning and developing streets to make a future plan for the city.

Buy lots around town to be used for city improvements:

Could borrow money to buy property to be used for improvements and to also buy old houses to be torn down and perhaps new housing built to be sold for profit as well as improve the aesthetics of the city.

Grants:

Grants to benefit citizens and community development. Go after grants for road improvements, future utilities, water, sewage and playground.

Help the community center get a grant for improvements. Grants to benefit the overall community. Have a revenue to be able to receive grants.

Taxes:

City property taxes to be able to get grants and to progress the prosperity of Ravenna. To help Ravenna grow so that the city itself not die.

Future Utilities:

Should be part of the **Ten Year Plan**.

Renew our **Five Year Plan** in Two and Half years. (Mid 2024)

Try to promote community involvement at the town meetings. To encourage people to come to the town meetings.

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