

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

DATE OF MEETING: February 17, 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 February 19, 2026

Called to order at 7:00PM
Mayor Erik Premont-Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Claude Lewis, Jr.-Present
City Secretary Pat Patterson-Present
Quorum met.

1. Citizens Opportunity to Speak:

Roy Clark the new pastor at the Union Baptist Church. Here to offer the services of the church to help the city in any way.

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 **January 20, 2026**-Pat Patterson, City Secretary.

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

(Claude) I make a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting held on **January 20, 2026** and accept the financial report for month ending **January, 2026**.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone who opposes? Passed unanimously at 7:05PM.

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

A. Consider and take action regarding burn ban signs.

No changes taken.

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

A. Mayor-Erik Premont: The election for early voting started today. I have read a couple of propositions on the ballot. There are some sensitive and important issues on the ballot. Please vote. [These issues were mentioned, but not discussed.]

There was help in getting some issues taken care of having to do with sewage problems as well as trash, appliances and old cars in the yard. There was a warning and if not taken care of there would be a citation issued. This is an issue when we, as a small town, have issues getting these taken care of. The rest will be in the line items.

B. Mayor Pro Tem-Claude Lewis, Jr.: Most of what I have is in the line items. The newsletter that I have written up is not finished. The month got away from me before I could get it finished. I will complete it and get it out as soon as possible. At least get a PDF out for January and then I will do one for February. If there is any information that needs to be in it let me know. On the left-hand side there is basic city information and then this month is for whatever we need to put in. There is the Fire Department information and where is says draft that is just Where I

need to get the wording for the Request for Proposals. That last page is just about information about Ravenna from the handbook. Some of those clippings are from the 1800's and I just thought they were interesting. We may need to go to a Tabloid size paper.

The Library of Congress has all the archives of these newspapers. They don't have any of the Ravenna Gazette. The San Antonio paper had a correspondent in Ravenna that sent them information.

~~C. City Commissioner~~

D. City Secretary-Pat Patterson (activities and information): The Fannin CAD sent me some distribution summaries. These are weekly summaries.

The contract for County Trash has expired as of January 1, 2023. I have told you about getting in touch with TCEQ and asked about raw sewage and drainage. I received a letter from her on the 10th and they had checked everything out. The deputy had a field day with all the violations. It did say that the occupants needed to move the cars with expired tags to 300 ft from the edge of the road. They only have 20 days to complete the cleanup or they will be cited. From what I have seen they have been cleaning up.

Today I paid TML membership for the year \$684. It has gone up. I received a franchise check from Granite Telecommunications LLC a grand total of \$2.18. They only paid for October, but they didn't get anything for November and December. It looks like Telecom Evolutions is taking over.

Our Expenses for the YTD is \$15,852.67.

Our Income for the YTD is \$ 26450.86.

We did have a bill from the Liability Insurance and it has gone up to \$2,288.70.

Our road maintenance is at \$4896 if you want to start buying more gravel.

Pecan needs the rock next and hopefully the junk will be moved off the road so that it can be maintained.

The Appraisal sent me an invoice, but that doesn't have to be paid until March 1, 2026. It will get paid and I need one of you to sign me some checks.

I will send a response to the gentleman that wants to paint lines on the roads, but we don't have any paved roads that we need lines on. I will let him know that at this time we do not need his services, but we will keep his information for the future.

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

F. Communications-James Percy (update)

No information.

5. Report of letters that were sent to the owner of 200 E. Maple regarding the RV that appears to have someone living in it.

We did receive the registered mail back from her, but we have not received the first-class mail back. She did come into the post office today while I was in there, but I played incognito because I didn't want to fight. She said that she is getting mail and letters from people who don't live there. I didn't ask because it is none of my business.

I drive by there periodically and I have noticed that they have cleaned up that yard a whole lot. There does seem to be something coming from the RV to the ground, but I am not sure what it is.

6. Consider and take action regarding leasing or renting a tractor when it is needed, case by case. (Claude) I make a motion that we rent a tractor case by case as needed.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone oppose? Passes unanimously at 7:23PM.

7. Consider and take action regarding the acquisition of accessories to be used to clear out ditches and trimming of trees in the city limits.

(Claude) I know that we have looked at the Lane Shark and the 3-point hitch of other brands. I have looked at 6 different ones to date on line. So, I am going to make a motion because we are going to need this piece of equipment. Until we rent, I can use it on the back of my tractor to get the ditches done. The motion that I am going to make is to purchase one not to exceed a certain amount of money. I looked at them and they are averaging out from \$3000 to 4,500.

(Claude) I make a motion that we purchase a 3-point swing boom flail mower for keeping the ditches and small trees trimmed in the city limits.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:25PM.

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 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)

(Pat) I had an idea that we use our funds to clean up areas and get in touch with the people who own these areas and let them pay the city back monthly.

(Claude) I believe that this will fall into the ordinance of the nuisance and debris. Remember we had put out the RFP for a request for someone to do that. That is going to be more than we can handle.

(Pat) Joe said that Ronnie Bruce, your dad and he wanted to do way back when they were in office. When everyone started getting sick it was dropped.

(Claude) Right, but that was still using a contractor to do it.

Talked about gravel earlier. Pecan Street has some pretty bad ruts and that will be the next one to be worked on. Try to get a couple of belly dump loads of rock on. I haven't driven the streets in two weeks actually not since the ice. I need to drive around and look at them.

The last time I bladed I went down there and it was in bad shape.

Still trying to find a contractor to do the tree trimming for the rights-of-way and the ditches.

(Pat) What about Tyler across the street. He had a company that trimmed up trees?

(Claude) They are doing excavation now. We can ask him and see if he is doing right-of-way work.

As far as that street sign I haven't seen it. I will get in touch with Paris and not bother Bonham. Another thing and this is related to the cleanup. Talking to the guys in Windom, they sponsor a cleanup every year and I got some information relating to this.

Community Cleanup wouldn't be County Trash because they don't provide roll offs so it would be someone like Sanitation Solutions or somebody like that. We could get them parked over here (south of the City Hall). About 30-yard roll offs and then we could talk to the tire shops what would it cost us to just bring the tires up here. It will be a day when those inside the city limits you bring a water bill or something to show that you live inside the city limits. If they have old tires or just bulk trash, not chemicals, no batteries, we will have to have signs to list what will be taken. Old junk like lumber and trash. Not household garbage.

Contact TCOG to see who they use to dispose of chemicals. Opportunity for the community to get rid of refuse and not charge them.

Try and shoot for May for the cleanup.

9. Adjournment.

(Claude) I make a motion that we adjourn.

(Erik) I second the motion. Anyone opposes? Passes unanimously at 7:46PM.