

MINUTES OF RAVENNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2019

The Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Ravenna was called to order at 7:00 P.M., March 4, 2019 by Council President Pro Tem Pro Tem, Scott Rainone.

The following were present on the roll call: Andrew Kluge, Bruce Ribelin, Paul Moskun, Robert Kairis, Amy Michael and Matt Harper. Also in attendance were: Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kim Cecora; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoff Cleveland; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Larry Selinius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Greg Francis of 558 Coolman Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio; Tim Calfee of 910 Murray Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio; Clark Magdych of 1011 Sunnywood Lane, Ravenna, Ohio; Matthew Rockwell of 117 North Scranton Street, Ravenna, Ohio and Lucy Ribelin representing the Portage County Combined Health District.

A moment of meditation and silence was then observed. Ms. Michael led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Ribelin, seconded by Ms. Michael to approve the minute of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 4, 2019 and the Special City Council Meeting of March 18, 2019. Voice Vote: All Ayes.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

DELEGATIONS: Ms. Ribelin said she is the representative from the City of Ravenna to the Portage County Combined Health District. The Portage County Combined Health District has submitted an application for accreditation. Ohio is the only state that mandates all health departments become accredited by 2020. Without that accreditation, the departments will not receive funds and grants. There were interviews with onsite visitors and over 300 pages were submitted. The onsite visit took place in March where three people from Texas, Minnesota and California came in. The review will be done in June and they will know within two weeks after that whether the Portage County Combined Health District will be accredited. The benefits of the accreditation for the general public are that it will enhance public health infrastructure, promote transparency. They have been working really been working hard with is to increase the communications between all of the entities in Portage County such as NeoMed, Hiram College, Kent State and University Hospital. For a long time, these health entities didn't talk to each other very much. They are now. That's really important because they are working on a community health improvement plan. They are looking at the five issues that are most prominent in the county: child obesity, suicide prevention, access to care, etc. Because of this infrastructure and transparency, the health departments will be in communication with other health providers which is only going to improve the outcome for the residents of Portage County. It's also increases the competitiveness in funding opportunities. This means they are open to applying for more grants, which means less money from taxpayers. It also strengthens the relationship within the community. Our health department provides an incredible amount of opportunities in the community, not just immunizations. They do all of the restaurant inspections. In Ravenna there aren't many sewers to be inspected but they do that throughout the county. There is also a great health education department that has been providing helmets for kids on bicycles. They provide cribs for babies. The health department is meeting up with new parents providing the pack & plays so that a child has a safe place to sleep until they get old enough to sleep in an actual bed. They are doing HIV testing. The list goes on and on. They are getting their \$12.00 a year worth in Ravenna; that is about what it costs a resident to provide all those services. She wanted to let them know about the accreditation and they are a really very excited.

Mr. Ribelin noted that several years ago, if the City would have tried to get an accreditation, it was going to cost the City \$1.5 million. As a City, they saved a considerable amount of money on it.

Ms. Ribelin said just to submit the application, the cost was \$50,000.00.

Mr. Rockwell read a written statement expressing his concern regarding foot traffic issues and drug use in his neighborhood.

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REPORTS OF OFFICIALS: There being no other comments, a motion was made by Mr. Kairis, seconded by Mr. Ribelin to accept the reports of officials. **Voice Vote: All Ayes.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

President Pro Tem Pro Tem Rainone reported that committee meetings will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019 starting at 5:30.

Utilities: Mr. Moskun said there will be a committee meeting on April 15.

Information Systems: Ms. Michael stated this committee had no items on the agenda. A committee meeting will be held Monday, April 15, time to be announced.

Planning Committee: Mr. Kairis said this committee had two items on the agenda. No meeting is scheduled at this time.

Committee of the Whole: President Pro Tem Pro Tem Rainone said the Committee of the Whole will be held Monday, April 22 at 7:00 P.M.

Public Health & Public Safety: Mr. Kluge said this committee had no items on the agenda but a meeting will be held April 15.

Streets & Sidewalks: Mr. Harper said this committee has one item for consideration. A meeting will be held Monday, April 15, time to be announced.

Personnel: Mr. Rainone said Personnel Committee had no items for consideration. A meeting is needed and will be held Monday, April 15.

Community & Economic Development: Mr. Ribelin said this committee has no items on the agenda. A meeting will be held Monday, April 15 at 5:30 PM.

Cemetery: Mr. Ribelin said a part-time employee was hired who just got out of the Armed Services. He formally worked at the cemetery so he knows everything to do. He thinks that is a good hire. They also addressed the \$100,000.00 received from Mr. Shaffer to hire a landscape architect. There are two who they are looking at and they want to make a decision at the next meeting.

First Reading of Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-041: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2019 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PORTAGE COUNTY, THE CITY OF STREETSBORO FOR THE APPLICATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Ribelin said this is to apply for the CHIP grant, which is applied for every other year. It has really allowed them to do some remarkable things in the City they wouldn't ordinarily be able to do.

Mayor Seman noted this is the joint agreement with Portage County and Streetsboro.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Ribelin moved to waive the requirement that legislation be read at three separate meetings. Mr. Kairis seconded the motion. **Vote: All Ayes.** Ms. Michael moved to approve this Ordinance as an emergency measure for the reason set forth in the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harper. **Vote: All Ayes.** A motion was made by Mr. Kluge, seconded by Mr. Ribelin that Ordinance No. 2019-041 be adopted. **Vote: All Ayes.** The President Pro Tem of Council declared Ordinance 2019-041 adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2019-042: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DELTA ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE 2019 ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Harper said Delta Asphalt was the lowest best bidder. This will allow the mayor to enter into a contract for the 2019 summer paving program.

Mr. Ribelin noted that he previously addressed how unhappy he was about the job done on a couple of roads in his neighborhood. There are still big dips where water lines were replaced. Those were not fixed before the road was done. The gravel was not swept off like it should have been. He thinks it was done a week ago. He did some research regarding chip sealing. He was under the impression that the limestone chips would stick to the tar and surface a lot better than they did. A lot of it is in peoples' front yards. It's really bad in the center of the road.

Mr. Finney said that this area is on the investigation list. He spoke with Mr. Jeffers about it.

Mr. Harper noted this is a different company than they used last year and hopefully they will have better results.

Mr. Soudil said he thinks they are at a disadvantage because Mr. Finney had said there are not many companies doing the chip and seal and they have to use the lowest bidder. Is this company who is doing the paving, are they going to subcontract it out?

Mr. Finney responded in the affirmative.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Harper moved to waive the requirement that legislation be read at three separate meetings. Mr. Michael seconded the motion. **Vote: Ayes.** Mr. Kluge moved to approve this Ordinance as an emergency measure for the reason set forth in the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kairis. **Vote: All Ayes.** A motion was made by Mr. Harper, seconded by Ms. Michael that Ordinance No. 2019-042 be adopted. **Vote: Ayes: Harper, Michael, Kairis, Moskun, Kluge: Nays: Ribelin.** The President Pro Tem of Council declared Ordinance 2019-042 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-043: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRICON ROOFING, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO ROOFS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Moskun explained this to replace two roofs. All of the money is there and ready to go. The one roof is especially deteriorating quite a bit. One hasn't been replaced for possibly 40-50 years. This also includes everything under the roofing that you don't see as far as plywood, etc.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Kluge moved to waive the requirement that legislation be read at three separate meetings. Ms. Michael seconded the motion. **Vote: All Ayes.** Ms. Michael moved to approve this Ordinance as an emergency measure for the reason set forth in the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harper. **Vote: All Ayes.** A motion was made by Mr. Ribelin, seconded by Mr. Kluge that Ordinance No. 2019-043 be adopted. **Vote: All Ayes.** The President Pro Tem of Council declared Ordinance 2019-043 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-044: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION OF TEN (10) TRICYCLES VALUED AT \$517.70 FROM THE MONGOOSE MOTORSPORTS OF RAVENNA, OHIO FOR USE IN THE SAFETY TOWN PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read for the first time, by title only.

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Mr. Kairis explained that Mongoose Motorsports has donated ten tricycles for the Safety Town Program put on by the Parks & Recreation Department.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Harper moved to waive the requirement that legislation be read at three separate meetings. Mr. Michael seconded the motion. **Vote: All Ayes.** Mr. Ribelin moved to approve this Ordinance as an emergency measure for the reason set forth in the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kluge. **Vote: All Ayes.** A motion was made by Ms. Michael, seconded by Mr. Kairis that Ordinance No. 2019-044 be adopted. **Vote: All Ayes.** The President Pro Tem of Council declared Ordinance 2019-044 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-045: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SPONSOR/SITE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL TO PROVIDE MEALS AT THE PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER DAY CAMP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Kairis said this is an annual agreement with the Community Action Council to provide meals at the Parks & Recreation Summer Day Camp.

Mr. Ribelin said he thinks this is a great program. He is on the CAC board and asked if it would be a conflict of interest if he voted on it.

Mr. Cimino said that he should probably abstain.

Ms. Michael noted that her son works at the Community Action Council in the summertime. She will also be abstaining.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Kluge moved to waive the requirement that legislation be read at three separate meetings. Mr. Moskun seconded the motion. **Vote: Abstain: Ribelin, Michael. Ayes: Kluge, Moskun, Kairis, Harper.** Mr. Harper moved to approve this Ordinance as an emergency measure for the reason set forth in the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kairis. **Vote: Abstain: Michael, Ribelin. Ayes: Harper, Kairis, Moskun, Kluge.** There not being enough votes for the emergency clause to pass and therefore, the legislation will not become effective until 30 days have passed. A motion was made by Mr. Kluge, seconded by Mr. Harper that Ordinance No. 2019-045 be adopted. **Vote: Abstain: Ribelin, Michael. Ayes: Kluge, Harper, Kairis, Moskun.** The President Pro Tem of Council declared Ordinance 2019-041 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-046: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2019 LISTED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Cecora said one advance is the return of monies from a grant fund to the General Fund.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Ribelin moved to waive the requirement that legislation be read at three separate meetings. Mr. Moskun seconded the motion. **Vote: All Ayes.** Mr. Kairis moved to approve this Ordinance as an emergency measure for the reason set forth in the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moskun. **Vote: All Ayes.** A motion was made by Mr. Harper, seconded by Ms. Michael that Ordinance No. 2019-046 be adopted. **Vote: All Ayes.** The President Pro Tem of Council declared Ordinance 2019-046 adopted.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Mayor's Remarks: Mayor Seman said there was a ribbon cutting on Saturday along with the Chamber at the Iron Horse Tattoo. It was a very successful ribbon cutting and it's worth stopping in to see what they've done with it. It's got to be the classiest tattoo shop in the State of Ohio. It's very impressive. The upper floor, Main Street Ravenna has an office where Mr. Madonio donated the first six months of rent to get things started. They've got five or six stations in the tattoo shop with people who have different skills.

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Mayor Seman went on to say he had a very good visit with Spring Seal and Life Force behind Sheetz. You cannot see their businesses from the road. They are a husband and wife team and have two companies that are attached with some common area. Life Force does the billing for many ambulance services. Spring Seal is looking to expand so they will be working with them on an Enterprise Zone Agreement. They think this will start this summer. They are also looking for a small business and they want to keep it in Ravenna. They are always grateful for that. They will need to have discussion in the CED committee about the Home RLF fund because it's starting to get a little bit too healthy. They also will need to talk about the spring cleanup in Streets & Sidewalks Committee. Quite honestly, there is a big question of affordability or how to finance it.

A motion was made at 7:34 PM by Mr. Ribelin to go into Executive Session regarding an impending lawsuit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kairis. **Vote: All Ayes.**

At 7:52 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Ribelin, seconded by Mr. Kluge to conclude the Executive Session. **Vote: All Ayes.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Council President