

**MINUTES OF RAVENNA CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
December 16, 2019**

The Meeting of the Ravenna City Community & Economic Development Committee was called to order at 5:33 P.M. by Chairman Bruce Ribelin. Present were Andrew Kluge, Matt Harper, Scott Rainone, Paul Moskun, Rob Kairis and Joseph Bica. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Council members-elect, Tim Calfee and Christina West; Finance Director-elect, Brian Huff; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Deena Tannert of 784 East Main Street, Ravenna, Ohio and Clifford Soudil of 464 Woodlawn Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mr. Ribelin said the first item on the agenda is the question of an economic development director contract. This was discussed during executive session where they talked at length regarding the different issues, etc. Because it was executive session, there was no vote on anything. A couple of steps need to be taken before this can become a reality. One they have to decide tonight if they are going to send this forward to finance committee. He doesn't have any objections to sending it on. Even if they send it on, they have to decide whether or not there will be an ordinance. Then everyone will have the right to vote as to whether to approve the contract or not approve of it. If it does move on, they can get this done before the year is done.

Mayor Seman said they'd like for this person to start right after the beginning of the new year.

There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present the issue would proceed to Committee of the Whole for further action.

There was discussion regarding the special meeting. The clerk noted a Special will be held prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting December 23 and then another one on December 31. It was decided the special meeting would be held directly after the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 23.

Mr. Ribelin said he would like to announce that they have been negotiating with the township about health insurance for the employees at the cemetery. That issue has been resolved and he's glad to get that done before the first of the year, too.

Mayor Seman noted that it was a good meeting.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of Council

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Bruce Ribelin, Chairman  
Community & Economic Development Committee