



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11th, 2020

The public meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed via YouTube. A video recording of the meeting can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSxkAhVt_JE

Council present via Zoom: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West and Matt Harper.

Also attending the meeting via Zoom were: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Acting Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:25 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

Ms. Michael thanked Ms. Wood with her help in assisting the Fire Dept. with their grant.

The first discussion item was an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for the 2020 FEMA Covid-19 Supplemental Grant. FEMA appropriated 100 million dollars countrywide for the replacement and future purchase of supplies and equipment that would be needed for Covid-19 related incidences. Based on the current usage and estimation the Fire Dept. requested \$48,000. There is a 5% match with the city. Mr. Huff stated that if the grant is denied that there is another FEMA grant that could be applied for.

- The item was moved forward

The second discussion item was to appropriate \$3,000.00 for the necessary repair to the front foyer roof at the Fire Station. A quote was received for just under \$3,000 and it will come out of the capital improvement fund. The quote comes with a 10-year warranty for materials.

- The item was moved forward

The third discussion item was to appropriate \$8,000.00 for the necessary purchase of 4 sets of turn-out gear for 2 new hires anticipated for 2020. Acting Chief Chapple stated that each set is approximately \$2,000.00 and he plans to purchase 2 sets but will hold off on the other 2 sets. He announced he has hired Nathaniel Barnhart who will be sworn in on Friday May 15th.

- The item was moved forward

There was a management update in which the Mayor stated that the City continues to work with the daily changes that have happened during the pandemic. The Fire Dept. has been sanitizing their Firehouse every two weeks, stating it is not cheap and he hopes that it is part of the money that can be recovered from FEMA. The firefighters have been subject to contamination but have done a good job at avoiding it, with the Mayor adding that they are thrown into situations that are taxing. The City has been working closely with the Police and Fire Departments, and the Mayor stated that they have done stellar work up to this point as would be expected.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Amy Michael, Chairperson
Public Health and Safety Committee