



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
June 15th, 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=Ks4bEqhijjs>

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: Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Acting Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Water Superintendent, Tim Stephens, Quality IP, Katie Mazanek and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:37 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first discussion item was the necessary purchase of various sizes of fire hose. Acting Fire Chief Chapple stated that information was received stating that any fire hose from July 1987 or older must be taken out of service. He said that the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1962, standard of care, states 10 years of service life for a fire hose, adding that some of their fire hoses are 32 years old. There are mandates being put into place to take out old hoses. The State Fire Marshal's Office, along with BWC, are saying that if the hoses are not taken out of service, and they are utilized with an injury resulting from its use, then the City can be fined up to 50% of whatever the injury cost is to that employee. The Fire Dept. is in the process of testing hoses and there are 50 plus sections of hose that are from 1987 or older. A section of hose costs anywhere between \$120.00 and \$200.00 for a 50-foot section. Hoses range between 1 ¾", 2 ½" and 3" inches in diameter. Acting Chief Chapple said that with taking the older hoses out of service, he does not have enough to restock the trucks off the rack if a fire were to happen. He said that it would cost about \$12,000.00 to replace the hoses that are being taken out of service. Ms. Michael asked if the replacement will be a yearly occurrence, and Acting Chief Chapple said that after July 1987, fire hoses met a new standard. As long as hoses are service tested annually, which they are, then they can be kept past 10 years. Mr. Moskun asked how the old hoses would be disposed. Acting Chief Chapple said that they could not be donated to another Fire Dept. but either the Service Dept. as a utility hose, or they could be auctioned off. Mr. Calfee asked if there was a grant available and Chief Chapple replied no, adding that they were already given out in April 2020.

Mr. Kluge asked if there was anything else that is similar that is going to need upgrading or will be going out of date. Acting Chief Chapple said that the air packs are going to be out of date as of May 2021. He has information through two different manufactures and prices. He said that Chief Cleveland put in \$100,000.00 for capital improvements but said that it is too low. An air pack with two cylinders is roughly between \$7,000.00-\$8,000.00 and the Fire Dept. needs 20 of

them, which would cost between \$140,000-\$160,000 total, not including any extra masks. There is a grant available, but because of Covid-19, awarded grants may be pushed back to around the time when the packs will already be out of date. There will be a 5%-7% percent increase in price if they are purchased next year, along with a possible 3-month turnaround to get the packs. Chapple is suggesting ordering the air packs in late fall to get the 2020 pricing and then paying for them in 2021.

Chief Chapple said that there is a company that wants to remain anonymous that would like to donate money to the Fire Dept. He asked if he would be able to purchase and replenish some of the fire hoses with the money donated. Ms. Michael said that Council would have to accept the donated money first. Chief Chapple asked if he would be able to spend the \$2,000 that is a line item for tactical equipment to buy 6-8 sections of hose and there was no objection.

- The item was moved forward

The second item was to discuss all-purpose vehicles within the City limits. There is a resident who has been riding their 4-wheeler around their neighborhood on a daily basis and in the evenings. They are also allegedly building a four-wheeler track in their backyard. The Police have been notified of their 4-wheeler use, but Ms. Michael stated that there is nothing in the books stating that they cannot ride in the City or on private property specifically. Mr. Finney added that they cannot ride on the road or in the right-of-way. Ms. Michael stated that using 4-wheelers in the city did not seem to coincide with a city lifestyle for neighborhoods. Ms. Wood stated that as long as it is within the noise ordinance, sharing that she's heard motorcycles and cars louder than what she's cared for. She said as far as their property goes, she does not feel it is Council's place to step in, but once they go in the right-of-way or the roadways then it becomes an issue. Mr. Kairis stated his concern for the 4-wheelers as a safety concern, even on private property. Mr. Kluge stated that he's received a similar complaint but only after the individuals started going into the neighboring properties, which was an abandoned home and an abandoned lot where the home had burned down. He said that eventually they do make their way into the streets and then it becomes a safety issue separate from their personal property. Ms. Michael stated her concern to help the neighbors affected by the noise and dust that is created by the all-purpose vehicle and to see what the City had in the books related to it. Mr. Moskun stated that he has heard of individuals riding on the streets, but that they will get off the road and kill the engine if they know the Police are coming. Mr. Kairis stated that he supported looking into the matter, and if something reasonable is brought up regarding it then it could be put to a vote. Ms. Michael said that she will talk to the resident more, and check with the Police Dept. to find out if there have been more phone calls concerning the subject that Council is not aware of. Mr. Harper stated that all-purpose vehicles are becoming more common and that it is a topic that should be discussed more if the City is going to allow it.

- The item was moved forward

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Amy Michael, Chairperson
Public Health and Safety Committee**