



**Ravenna City Council
Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2021**

The public meeting was held in Council Chambers and live streamed via YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-jh3KzvF8k>

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Larry Silenius; Cliff Soudil; Lou Dudek; Diane Smith and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

Utility Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M. by Chairperson, Paul Moskun.

The first discussion item was a turbo blower for the wastewater plant.

Mr. Moskun stated that the blower is an essential piece of equipment and there is money available in the Wastewater Fund. He said that the life span if a blower is usually 50,000 hours and it is currently at 70,000 hours. The item would be to appropriate up to \$40,000 in case anything additional needs to be fixed during the repair.

- The item was moved forward

The second item was to increase the water line survey amount by \$8,000.

Mr. Finney stated that there is typically \$20,000 in the water survey budget but money did not get carried over from last year and so an additional \$8,000 needs to be appropriated to continue the water line survey. Water line surveys for the current year are for projects the following year. In response to Mr. Calfee's question, Mr. Finney stated that projects are prioritized by reports done by the Street Department. In the reports they document issues such as water line breaks, bad joints and pipes that are rusting out. The application for the water line project will be in the spring of 2022 for construction in 2023 because the projects are designed a year in advance.

- The item was moved forward

The third item was a waterline discussion.

Mr. Finney explained a color-coded waterline project map to Council and the plans to replace water lines and hydrants. Color coded lines on the map indicate projects that are designed, finished, for the future, ongoing or a priority. An 'X' on the map indicates where water line breaks have occurred from 2014-2018, 2018-2020 and breaks that have yet to be replaced. In addition, there are undersized lines and fire hydrants that need to be replaced. The water line surveys go toward researching the water line project for the following year.

- The item was for discussion

The fourth discussion item was a discussion about the water tank project.

Mr. Finney stated that the GE water standpipe has not been active since 2014 due to the lack of water utilization. He stated that he will be apply for grants to build a new water tank, but the location had not yet been determined. He stated that in order to apply for the grants the application needs to include a monetary commitment from the City for matching grant funds. Mr. Finney stated that he and the Finance Director have discussed a commitment from Council of ARPA Funds and Water Capital Improvement Funds. He said that the grant application is seeking a resolution of commitment from Council of \$500,000 in ARPA Funds and \$300,000 of Water Capital Improvement Funds.

The new tank size that the City Engineer is looking at building is 750,000 gallons. Mr. Finney stated that there is an additional grant available through NDS called a Residential Public Infrastructure Grant. He said that it looks like the City will be successful with a \$250,000 loan through PWC for the project.

- The item was for discussion only

The fifth discussion item was a resolution of support to earmark funds for a grant application.

Mr. Finney stated that he is asking for two resolutions to earmark \$500,000 in ARPA Funds and \$300,000 in Water Capital Improvement Funds. He stated that it would be for construction in 2023 and that the funds would have to be spent within 12 months of receiving the grant, adding that he is asking for 1 million dollars from the government. The City Engineer has not decided on the location for the new water tank, but City Park is a possibility.

- The item was moved forward

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Paul Moskun, Chairperson
Utility Committee**