



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021

The public meeting was held in Council Chambers and live streamed via YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTYj2hju-3k>

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Acting Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius; Cliff Soudil; John McFarland; Regina Masters and Diane Smith

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first item was approval of the 2020 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award.

Acting Chief Chapple stated that the Fire Department was awarded the 2020 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and that it is the first time they have received it. The grant award is \$46,980.00 which is made up of \$44,742.86 in federal funds and the City's 5% grant match of \$2,237.14. The award period is August 31, 2021, through August 30, 2023, and the funds will be used to purchase new turnout gear.

- The item was moved forward

Management Update

Mayor Seman stated that Mr. Finney has started to outline a new City complex with the help from administration members before a plan is pushed forward.

Acting Chief Chapple stated that a new fire station is important and explained that they currently are not ADA compliant, there is no female housing, there are no barriers in the common room that holds the sleeping bunks, there are no separate showers, the showers are not ADA compliant and there is no elevator.

Mr. Finney stated that the Police Department is over 100 years old, and that City Hall is not conducive to City operations. He said that the City needs to start planning the new complex and to figure out a plan to fund it. He will be using a survey that had been done for the base of building the facility which will be in a central location in the City.

Mayor Seman added that he still wants a chance to try to put together a Fire District.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Amy Michael, Chairperson
Public Health and Safety Committee