



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2022

The public meeting was held in person in City Council Chambers.

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

Also in attendance: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Interim Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky, Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, John McFarland, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil and Diane Smith

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first item was a discussion regarding the lock down status of City Hall.

Ms. Michael explained that some City buildings are still closed to the public and Council has received comments.

Mayor Seman stated that there was surge in Covid cases but emphasized that no one who has rang the doorbell at City Hall has been turned away.

- The item was for discussion only

The second item was to appropriate additional funds to the K-9 Fund.

Ms. Michael stated that there are remaining medical bills after the passing of the K-9 Officer Mako in the sum of \$5,357. The Police Department is requesting an appropriation of \$10,000 to cover the outstanding bill and the extra to keep as carryover.

Chief Wallis stated that there is a new therapy dog at the school and the Police Department has received a lot of donations, but there are three police K-9's and the donations will go towards food. He stated that training is included in the cost of the therapy dog, Tucker.

Mr. Harper stated that the kids at the school adore Tucker and he changes their demeanor in a positive way.

Mr. Soudil inquired about dog health insurance, and it was stated that Mr. Huff and Chief Wallis will look into it.

- The item was moved forward

The third item was a \$6,000 increase to the Fire Dept. vehicle maintenance line.

Interim Chief Chapple explained that the 2011 fire truck has a lot of issues and there was a recent repair to the suspension for approximately \$3,000 that would come out of the vehicle maintenance line. He stated that the Fire Departments budget is encumbered in various purchase orders (PO's) to prepare for expenses throughout the year.

Mr. Calfee asked if that is the usual procedure and Chief Chapple explained that there is \$680 not encumbered within the budget line and the rest of the funds are in purchase orders, but that he could reduce them to free up funds if necessary.

Chief Chapple explained that blanket PO's are not invoices yet but the method is done by past practices and he has prepared them because of inflation of services and products.

- The item was moved forward

Management Update

Mayor Seman stated that the City needs to keep a close eye on the budget because the cost of work has gone up and we don't want to go backwards financially.

Ms. Michael stated that the staff has been very busy with the fire that took place at 645 S. Chestnut St. and everyone has been doing a great job. The Service Department has gone above and beyond to help the Fire Department. She said that the Service Department, and the Fire and Police Departments did a great job and thanked everyone.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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