



**RAVENNA CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2022, at 6:00pm**

The public meeting was held in person in Council Chambers.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President, Andrew Kluge.

Council present: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michaels, Rob Kairis, Tim Calfee, Christina West, and Matt Harper.

Also in attendance: Mayor Frank Seman; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil

The first item on the agenda was to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from September 19, 2022.

- Motion to approve the September 19, 2022, Committee of the Whole minutes by Mr. Kairis, 2nd by Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**

The second item was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ODOT for a bridge inspection.

Mr. Harper stated that the agreement is to have ODOT inspect the City's only bridge at no cost to the City.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The third item was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Hammontree Associates.

Mr. Harper stated that the contract is to survey West Main Street for upgrading and paving next year, adding that \$15,000 will be appropriated from the Paving Fund.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The fourth item was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter in an agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mayor Seman stated that the City has received a grant in the sum of \$488,230 to rectify wastewater issues in a residential area that is located in the township but was put under the City's jurisdiction to tie into the City's sanitary lines.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The fifth item was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Tank Industry Consultants.

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Mayor Seman stated that it is Mr. Finney's plan to assess and evaluate the current GE water tank to see if it can be reutilized at a lesser capacity, adding that LG Chem may be interested in the tank for usage.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The sixth item was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for the 2023 water and wastewater chemicals.

Ms. Dubinsky stated that it is an annual housekeeping item and there were no additional comments.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The seventh item was an ordinance amending Section 1278.20 to allow a 3/12 roof slope for accessory buildings.

Mr. Kairis explained that the BZA has endorsed the amendment due to approving several variances allowing 3/12 pitched roofs. The amendment is due to manufacturers creating a 3/12 pitched roof for prefabricated garages and sheds which are becoming more common.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The eighth item was an ordinance amending the zoning map to change 556 Chestnut from R-4 to I-1 zoning district.

Mr. Kairis stated that the new medical marijuana dispensary would like extra parking, but the property that is located next to the business, and is owned by them, is zoned R-4 which is unacceptable for a parking lot. The Planning Commission will need to review the request and Council must create an ordinance that must be read three times with an additional public hearing before the request can be amended.

- All Council present responded to keep the item in Committee for further discussion.

The ninth item was a discussion regarding the Quality IP security awareness contract.

Mr. Huff stated that the contract has been discussed but asked Council if they would like to sign a one-year contract or match the contract end date with that of the main Quality IP service contract.

Ms. West stated that she would like to have a 12-month contract to see how the service works out.

Mr. Calfee noted that the cost of the 12-month contract is approximately \$2,090 but stated that the cost is fine with him.

Mr. Kairis stated his concern for an automatic renewal after the 12-month period and Mr. Huff stated that he will make sure that is not the case.

Mayor Seman stated that there has been a survey submitted to department heads regarding the service that Quality IP provides so that the administration is made aware of their satisfaction with the company.

Ms. West added that the survey is to help explore IT options for the future.

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- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The tenth item was an ordinance to enter into a contract with Energy Harbor LLC for an electric aggregation for the streetlights.

Mr. Kluge stated that he wanted to add an agenda item regarding an aggregation with Energy Harbor. The request would be to create an ordinance to allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Energy Harbor to add the street lights into the electric aggregation program.

Ms. Dubinsky stated that if Council approves the ordinance within 30 days, the City will be locked into the 5.99/kWh price beginning in May of 2023 until December 2027. She stated that the rates are expected to increase in June to 12 cents per/kWh.

Mr. Kairis asked why the streetlights were never included in the electric aggregation and Ms. Dubinsky stated that it was never given as an option.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.
- Motion to adjourn at 6:24 pm by Ms. Michael, 2nd Ms. West- **All Ayes**

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Council President