



**Ravenna City Council
Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023**

The public meeting was held in Ravenna City Council Chambers.

Council present: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West, 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; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Cliff Soudil, Larry Silenius, John MacFarland, Lou Dudek

Utility Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Chairperson, Paul Moskun.

The first item was water bill inserts.

Mr. Moskun stated that he wanted to add a discussion item that was not on the agenda. He explained that there was some confusion for residents with a water bill insert that Main Street Ravenna had sent out and stated that Council should be informed if organizations put anything into the water bill.

Ms. Wood stated that a few residents misread the Main Street Ravenna fundraising insert and thought that the City was requesting funds to be a friend of Main St. for \$50.

Ms. Dubinsky stated that she did not have any recollection of approving the insert and said that flyers are approved at the discretion of the Service Director.

Mr. Kairis recollected that Main Street Ravenna had utilized the same service with the City a few years ago and that it had not been an issue.

Ms. West asked what is considered discretionary and Council discussed whether to create a list of regulations for organizations to utilize the addition of an insert in the water bill.

Mr. Kluge stated that the conversation could be discussed at another time because of the topic had become convoluted.

- The item was for discussion only.

The second item was easements with Chestnut Commerce Center, LG Chem America and Ravenna Loomis Parkway.

Mr. Moskun stated that the three businesses are giving the City easements to take care of the single sanitary line on the property that is serving all three businesses.

Mr. Finney explained that the codified ordinances prohibit multiple businesses on one sanitary line and that the City will be taking over the care of the sanitary line but it requires for the City to acquire the easements to do so.

- The item was moved forward.

The third item was to re-appropriate funds for the Pratt St. improvement project.

Mr. Moskun explained that the funds were appropriated in April of 2022 and were not re-appropriated for 2023 since the project had not been completed yet.

Mr. Huff stated that the encumbered amounts that were not used did not get carried over into 2023.

- The item was moved forward.

The fourth item was a moral claim reimbursement.

Mr. Moskun stated that there was a sewer backup that occurred at 225 Lincoln St. and that Serve Pro came out to clean up the basement in the sum of \$3,516.79.

Mr. Kairis stated that the summary in the packet explained that the insurance would not cover the cost and asked why the City is being asked to pay for the clean up and if it was the City's fault.

Ms. Dubinsky stated that the property owner had no sewer issues until that day when the City jetted a sanitary line down the street. She explained that she has authorization to pay out a \$1,000 moral claim but is asking for the bill amount that the property owner submitted to her.

Mr. Harper asked if there was a problem in the City's sanitary main and it was stated, yes.

Ms. Wood stated that she would like to stick with the \$1,000 moral claim limit.

Ms. West stated that she would like to go with the \$3,516.79 that is being requested by the property owner.

Ms. Dubinsky stated that she is comfortable with the full amount being approved.

- The item was moved forward.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Paul Moskun, Chairperson
Utility Committee**