



**Ravenna City Council**  
**Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 11, 2023**

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

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman, Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Cliff Soudil, Larry Silenius

**The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:56 P.M. by Chairperson, Cheryl Wood.**

**The first item was easements.**

Mayor Seman explained that the only way to get electricity to LG Chem is with an easement through City property.

Mr. Finney stated that the original proposal was to run the electricity near the water tower but explained that the property is up for sale and there is no time to wait, adding that First Energy will not run the lines underground. He said that First Energy would like to run the 40–60-foot poles down the west side of the property line on the south side.

Mayor Seman stated that commitment to getting LG Chem electricity was a priority in getting them to choose Ravenna and said that they are asking for support of the easement since there are not many options to choose from.

Mr. Finney stated that other companies refused to give an easement and that First Energy knew that electricity was needed to get LG Chem up and running. He said that he wants to specify in the easement agreement that only LG Chem can benefit from the lines being run through the easement.

Mayor Seman stated that the City owns a parcel of property off Old Forge Rd. that was a feeder line for Muzzy Lake which runs through farmland dividing it in two. He said that Mr. Finney told the landowner that the City could provide an easement of 50 feet to allow access to both parcels of farmland.

Mr. Finney explained that the feeder ditch still has a wooden pipe, and that the City will not sell the property since it is part of the JEDD. He suggested a land surveyor for the farm to figure out the details.

Mayor Seman thinks that there is an interested buyer and that the lack of an easement has hindered the sale of the property.

Ms. Wood recommended discussing the easement again once there is a land survey available.

Mr. Finney suggested that Council consider the conditions of the easement, including the price and usage.

Mayor Seman said that he would inform the farmer to let him know of the recommendation.

- The item for LG Chem was forwarded.

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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**Cheryl Wood, Chairperson  
Community & Economic Development**