



**Ravenna City Council
Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026**

The public meeting was held in Ravenna City Council Chambers.

Council present: Council President Rob Kairis, Amy Michael, Paul Moskun, Tyler Marovich, Tim Calfee, Christina West, Matt Harper, Carmen Laudato

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer; Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius, Barbara Niemiller, Mark Hartburg, Trevor Martin, Amy Young, Eric Schlaubach, Barb Springer, William Barber, Justin Barber, Joseph Osborne, Iris Meltzer, Cheryl Wood, Todd Peetz, Ryann Cline, Kristy Huhn, Cynthia Miller, Lou Dudek, Alexander Zaventink, Susie Kohl, David Fosnight, Jen Kinney, Cliff Soudil, Tiffany Jones, Cathy Klein, Molly Halliday, Chester Halliday

Utility Committee Meeting was called to order at 8:28 P.M. by Chairperson, Paul Moskun.

The second item was the emergency WWTP waterline repair and replacement.

Mr. Moskun introduced the emergency repair of a four-inch water line at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He presented a quote of \$71,700 from Helmling Excavating for the project. Mr. Finney explained that the break occurred in a particularly difficult location that was up against a building and surrounded by unknown infrastructure from over a century of expansions. He added that the work was further complicated by extreme weather conditions, including temperatures around negative 14 degrees. Mr. Finney noted that the City negotiated with the contractor and emphasized the urgency and difficulty of the situation, describing it as a particularly challenging week with multiple simultaneous water-related repairs. Mr. Marovich asked if the contractor was properly licensed and insured, and Mr. Finney confirmed that they were fully qualified and equipped for the job. Mr. Moskun added that the contractor has decades of experience and access to large equipment when needed.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was the emergency WTP repair and replacement of equipment.

Mr. Moskun explained an emergency replacement of aging electrical panels at the Water Treatment Plant. He explained that the panels were installed when the plant was built in 1983 and have exceeded their lifespan and are now operating on “borrowed time.”

Ms. West confirmed this was the same item discussed previously, now with a formal quote and scope of work.

Ms. Laudato described the situation as a “ticking time bomb” and expressed support for immediate action.

Mr. Kairis suggested that, given the urgency, the legislation could be advanced at a special meeting following the Committee of the Whole rather than waiting until April.

Mr. Moskun agreed that acting sooner would be preferable, and Council concurred with moving it forward for consideration at the upcoming Special Council meeting.

- The item was moved forward.

Management

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Paul Moskun, Chairperson
Utility Committee**