

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session  
City Council Chambers  
October 13, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Monohon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: Hinchon, Hillcar, Weissenfels and Mayor Monohon. Absent: Breidenbach and Brager Staff present: Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Bart, Police Administrator and Zellar, Public Works Director.

**MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** to approve the agenda as presented by Weissenfels, second Hinchon, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Monohon presented a plaque to Bruce Guckenberk thanking him for his service to the community as a Council Member from 2004 – 2013.

Roger Lien, representing the Rainforest Council for the Arts read the newly formed group's mission statement, which is to promote a broad spectrum of arts at the community level. They would like to be a resource and connection between the City and the arts community. They have considerable interest in the art center and access to the facility for events and utilization by small groups. Their membership consists of representatives from Far West Art League, Rainforest Players, the fiber arts group, Forkestra and others.

Gary Grahn reported on discussions from the North Olympic Peninsula Sport Fishing Coalition meeting held last night. North coast concerns were shared with Miranda Wecker from the Department of Fish & Wildlife. The ocean area salmon season, which was a banner season, is now closed. Unfortunately the Last Chance Salmon Derby had to be canceled due to ocean conditions. They are now seeing an influx of river fishermen. Gary also wanted to recognize those who make the Wounded Warrior project possible, specifically the Lions, Elks and Bob Gooding in addition to several businesses.

Bob Kratzer commented on a recent article in the Forks Forum regarding the downward spiral of fall king salmon runs. Guides have expressed concern and were rebuffed. They chose to self-regulate to one king per day, down from the two allowed. Tribes have also made concessions. The Quileute Tribe has been contributing additional fish to compensate for a drop in hatchery numbers. The State had agreed to 100,000 additional hatchery fish being released, but now that is in jeopardy since they have

billed the Quileute Tribe \$20,000 for the additional release. He also stated that they expect word any day on whether or not the Bogachiel Broodstock program is approved.

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director stated that the Last Chance Salmon Derby was canceled due to a 22' restriction on the bar with 7' to 8' swells. The possibility of a date change will be discussed at future planning meetings. The Chamber has been busy coordinating the public meeting regarding the Navy's electronic warfare program, which will be held Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Other upcoming events are Business After Hours November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Forks Avenue Real Estate and Wine & Cheese November 8<sup>th</sup> with the theme, "Sol Duc Dynasty".

Dave Youngberg is hoping the City is on top of the Navy testing issue, given the location on both sides of town. It would also be near Olympic National Park, a World Heritage area and unique place. Not allowing the testing wouldn't impact the Navy, but it would impact us.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Motion** to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 22, 2014 by Hinchey, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

**2. Motion** to approve the payroll checks numbered 30928 to 30943 for \$69,128.74, manual claim checks numbered 30927 and 30944 for \$16,215.12 and claim checks numbered 30945 to 30969 for \$51,841.21, excluding check 30956 by Hillcar, second Hinchey, motion carried.

### **3. Sarff-Murner-Haight Annexation**

Attorney/Planner Fleck stated that the annexation request was submitted to the Boundary Review Board and no action was taken. It consists of approximately 10 acres.

Mayor Monohon opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Monohon closed the public hearing.

Council Member Hillcar inquired if the annexation included the adjoining road and if the City would be required to maintain the road. Attorney/Planner Fleck stated that the road would remain with the County.

**Motion** to approve Ordinance #609 approving the Sarff-Murner-Haight Annexation by Hinchey, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

### **4. Transfer of Forks Community Center to Quillayute Valley Park & Recreation District**

Attorney/Planner Fleck reported that the City has received approval from the National Park Service to transfer the former Community/Senior Center to the QVPRD. The transfer conforms to stipulations in the original quit claim deed that states the premises be used exclusively as and for public park and public recreation purposes.

**Motion** to approve Resolution #437 transferring the former Forks Community Center facility to the Quillayute Valley Park and Recreation District by Weissenfels, second Hillcar, motion carried.

#### **5. Public Hearing for Amendments to Forks Municipal Code Chapter 6.05 Regarding Animals**

A draft of the revised code was distributed. Attorney/Planner Fleck reviewed the process to date and the major changes to the code. He suggested that the code be slated for adoption at the next meeting.

Mayor Monohon opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Monohon closed the public hearing.

Suggestions were made for further revisions to the section pertaining to “under control” while in a vehicle. Audience members were asked whether or not they are in favor of a leash law. All present indicated they are in favor of a leash law.

**Motion** to present the revised Code Chapter 6.05 Animals for vote at the October 27, 2014 meeting by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. Rainforest Arts Center (RAC) Facility Use**

Attorney/Planner Fleck informed Council that a meeting is scheduled with community members tomorrow at 4:00 to discuss parameters for using the RAC. Those parameters are being developed to ensure the building will be self-sustaining. Fees will be charged to address maintenance and operation costs less the retail space revenue. A draft rental application was distributed. A tier system is being examined to address use by various arts groups.

#### **2. Council Member Reports**

**Council Member Hinch** attended the North Olympic Peninsula Sport Fishing Coalition meeting last night and is pleased with the work they are doing.

**Council Member Weissenfels** gave a Friends of Forks Animals (FOFA) update. She transported animals to shelters last Thursday. They have transported approximately 50 kittens to shelters this month and spent about \$4,000 for spay, neuter and shots.

#### **3. Staff Reports**

**Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom** reported that Caryn Depew and Ginger Simons attended the Vision software conference last week. The budget process is underway. Also, she thanked the Public Works Crew for the great job they did on demolishing the derelict hangar.

**Public Works Director Zellar** commended his crew for the hangar demolition. He was also pleased to see the rain, which is needed to bring up the water table.

**Police Administrator Bart** reported that five arrests have been made for recent burglaries. Officer Garcia made an arrest in the BBG burglary. That suspect was also connected to the Clinton bank robbery. The jail is currently full.

**Attorney/Planner Fleck** distributed a copy of the speech he delivered to the Board of Natural Resources last Tuesday regarding the timber sale process. He attended the Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys Fall Conference last week. Friday he met with staffers from Senator Murray's office regarding the Interfor closure and timber issues. He attended a meeting on Saturday with the Washington State School District Association where he discussed timber harvest levels.

RAC construction management is ongoing. The FAA conducted an inspection of the Quillayute Airport and were pleased with the maintenance. Also, he has had conversations with a spokesperson for the Wild Olympics campaign regarding the Navy's potential electronic warfare testing operations.

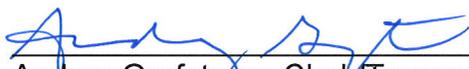
#### **4. Mayor's Report**

**Mayor Monohon** attended the North Olympic Peninsula Sport Fishing Coalition meeting, toured the RAC and attended homecoming events. He pointed out some recent losses to the community. Ruth King and Richard Wahlgren passed away and Pete and Shelly Smith have moved to Oregon.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn by Hillcar, second Hinchey, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

  
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Bryon Monohon, Mayor

  
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Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer