

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
February 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Monohon. Council Member Hillcar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Monohon requested that public comments be ordered as follows: a. general comments, b. comments pertaining to ATV use and c. International Pacific Halibut Commission report from Gary Grahn.

Motion to approve the agenda with revisions as stated by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bruce Guckenberger discussed the recent delivery of phone books which are thrown out on lawns and driveways. He gave Mayor Monohon a business card with contact information for the phone book company.

Bob Kratzer reported that he recently attended the Washington Sportsmen's Show in Puyallup and gave four presentations for the coalition. He also reported that his nomination to the Steelhead/Cutthroat Policy Advisory Group was accepted and thanked the City for their support.

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director said that West End Thunder will have a "Warm August Night" event on August 29th. Also, the community clean-up is scheduled for April 11th.

Council Member Hillcar presented information regarding the requirements, restrictions and benefits pertaining to legal operation of wheeled all terrain vehicles (WATV) on city streets.

Casey Ray spoke in favor of allowing WATV use on city streets and suggested that signage costs could be offset by license fees or possibly by donations.

Ruth Kettel asked about WATV use on the "A" Road. It would not be allowed, as the "A" Road is outside of city limits and has a speed limit over 35 mph. Council Member Hillcar stated that all US Forest Service roads are closed to WATV use.

Mike and Suzy Traband, owners of Port Angeles Power Equipment stated that Clallam County is working on an ordinance to allow WATV use on county roads.

Mike Peterson clarified that owners of WATVs are currently not able to ride on city streets.

Council Member Hillcar will meet with the Mayor and Attorney/Planner Fleck regarding a draft ordinance.

Gary Grahn gave a report from the International Pacific Halibut Commission meeting that he attended in January. He was able to offer input on proposed recommendations to the Commission. There is a 10,000 pound increase from the prior year, however the sport allocation stayed the same. The halibut dates were set as May 14, 16, 21 and 23 with options depending on the quota obtained. He has scheduled a meeting for March 6th at Pacific Pizza to obtain local input for season options to be developed at the North of Falcon Meeting on March 8th.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 26, 2015 by Weissenfels, second Breidenbach, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the payroll checks numbered 31372 to 31386 for \$70,179.89, manual claim checks numbered 012315 and 31387 for \$389.00 and claim checks numbered 31388 to 31420 for \$152,874.22 by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

3. Motion to approve the December 2014 Treasurer's Report by Weissenfels, second Brager, motion carried.

4. Ordinance #616 2014 Budget Amendment

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom discussed Ordinance #616, which was introduced at the last meeting. The ordinance covers expenditures which are over budget for the General Fund by \$35,000 and the Streets Project Fund by \$240,000. The Streets Project Fund overage is offset by state and federal funding.

Motion to approve Ordinance #616 amending the 2014 budget by Brager, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

5. Master Interlocal Agreement for Prisoner Confinement

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom presented a new boilerplate agreement for jail services. The agreement includes an automatic renewal unless terminated by either party with a 90-day notice.

Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Prisoner Confinement as presented by Breidenbach, second Brager, motion carried.

6. Acceptance of Maple Avenue Sidewalk Project

Public Works Director Zellar state that the Maple Avenue Sidewalk Project is complete and requires acceptance by Council.

Motion to accept the Maple Avenue Sidewalk Project by Breidenbach, second Brager, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Operation of Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles on City Streets

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

2. Code Review 8.15 and 8.20

Attorney/Planner Fleck recommends that any violation under 8.15 be subject to a fine only instead of a misdemeanor. Also, FCC regulations would supersede much of this code.

3. Council Member Reports

Council Member Breidenbach participated in evaluating Forks High School senior projects. One project of note involved new signage for the ONRC trail.

Council Member Brager thanked Lissy Andros for her efforts in planning the “Forever Twilight in Forks” event.

Council Member Hillcar noted that WATV use could be an outreach for youth and a tourism draw. Also, he reported receiving feedback regarding crosswalk safety and advocated public education.

Council Member Weissenfels pointed out that there was talk of public education regarding the recently revised animal ordinance prior to strays being picked up. She requested that education efforts begin. She also obtained ordinance language on recycling for the City of Port Orchard and Bainbridge Island.

4. Staff Reports

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom informed Council that the State Auditor’s exit conference will be held February 11th at 11:30 a.m. She also noted that a copy of the engagement letter was included in their notebooks.

Public Works Director Zellar reported that DOT funding has been approved for the Highway 101 project and that the City’s Calawah Way project will be included in that bidding process. He also informed Council that copies of the Comprehensive Wastewater Facility Plan are available for review.

Police Administrator Bart reported that Officer Goode has returned to duty. He also said a search warrant was served yesterday and an arrest made with assistance from the County.

Attorney/Planner Fleck reported that he has recently given two Rainforest Arts Center tours and noted there are 67 days until the dedication. He has attended a Marine Advisory Council meeting regarding the draft spatial plan and a Sequim Rotary meeting where he spoke on DNR arrearage. He will also present DNR arrearage information to the Port Angeles Rotary. He noted that a survey will be distributed as part of the Growth Management Plan update. Participants will be eligible for a gift certificate drawing.

5. Mayor's Report

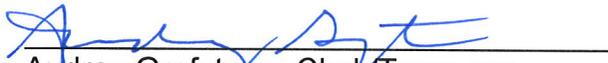
Mayor Monohon reported that he delivered the state of the city speech on January 28th to the Chamber of Commerce. He also attended the Chamber retreat last Friday, along with Deputy Clerk Ginger Simons who has been appointed as the City representative on the Chamber Board.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.



Bryon Monohon, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer