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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Breidenbach, Brager, Hinchen, Hillcar, Weissenfels and Mayor Monohon. 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 Breidenbach, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director recapped the community clean-up planning meeting held last week. The event will be April 11th. Next planning meeting is March 31st.

Bob Kratzer with the Northwest Olympic Peninsula Sport-fishing Coalition (NWOPSC) expressed appreciation for the City's support. He reported attending the first meeting of the WDFW Steelhead/Cutthroat Policy Advisory Group on February 26th where there was some discussion regarding the low steelhead escapement on the Hoh River and also the Bogachiel broodstock program. There is talk of forming a similar advisory group for salmon and steelhead issues pertaining only to the Olympic Peninsula. Also, a North of Falcon meeting will be held in Sequim on March 19th to discuss in-river salmon seasons. Local community members are encouraged to attend.

Bill Meyer with the Olympic Peninsula Guides' Association and the NWOPSC thanked the City for support of the coho smolts project and for supporting the "Hatchery and Wild" video. He reported that the Guides' Association is advocating for catch and release to help meet Hoh escapement numbers.

Several other members of the guiding and fishing community (Ryan Bullock, Larry Ford and Aaron O'Leary) thanked the City for support of the coho smolts project, citing its positive impact on the economy

Dave Youngberg stated that last Thursday he witnessed a driver run a red light while talking on the phone.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 23, 2015 by Breidenbach, second Brager, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the manual claim check numbered 022315 for $54.00, payroll checks numbered 31498 to 31513 for $70,297.31 and claim checks numbered 31514 to 31549 for $406,355.89 by Breidenbach, second Hinchen, motion carried.

3. Set Public Hearing Date for Comprehensive Plan Public Participation
Motion to set a public hearing date of March 23, 2015 for the Comprehensive Plan Public Participation by Breidenbach, second Hillcar, motion carried.

4. Police Administrator Contract
Mayor Monohon presented the contract with Richard Bart for Police Adminstrator services through December 31, 2017.

Motion to approve the Police Administrator Contract by Brager, second Hillcar, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Interest in Developing Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle (WATV) Ordinance
There was general interest in developing a draft WATV ordinance. It was noted that an ordinance could be repealed if found to not be in the best interests of the community.

2. Code Review 9.05.040 to 9.05.060
Criminal code through 9.05.060 was reviewed.

3. Council Member Reports
Council Member Brager noted the widespread use of cell phones while people are driving.

Council Member Hinchen inquired about the revised animal ordinance being published. It was published in the Forks Forum on November 20, 2014. The Mayor and Police Administrator Bart are working on adding animal call information to the daily log report in the Forum.

Council Member Hillcar stated that cell phone use while driving is epidemic. He also reported hearing many positive comments for WATV use, including from business owners.

Council Member Weissenfels reported that cleaning and repairs are taking place at the Animal Shelter.

4. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Zellar announced that Dick Martin, City Building Inspector will retire in July. He also stated that the city hall painting job has been advertised and the request for proposals on the water tank repair specifications is due March 18th.

Police Administrator Bart recently visited Arizona where golf carts are street-legal. He will meet with the Officers about drivers and cell phone use.

Attorney/Planner Fleck attended a board meeting on the Washington Coast Works sustainable small business competition. They will be presenting at the Chamber of Commerce meeting this week. The Coastal Marine Advisory Council met regarding the marine spatial plan, which should be in draft form in May. Discussions took place with the Union regarding a shift in paydates as a result of the State Audit Exit Conference. Fleck also presented information on the DNR arrearage to the Port Angeles Rotary Club and has been helping to draft the EDC workplan.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Monohon attended the Chamber of Commerce board meeting. Ginger Simons will be attending as the new city representative. He attended the Chamber meeting held by the Quileute Tribe at their new Kit.la Center at the former 110 Business Park. He also met with Judith Morris, Staffer for Congressman Derek Kilmer.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Bryon Monohon, Mayor

Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer