

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
June 22, 2015

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ruth Kettel had her ATV trailered and on display in the parking lot. She stated that it has been modified, is licensed for road use and is insured.

Darrel Gaydeski indicated he would like to comment. Mayor Monohon reminded Council Members that Mr. Gaydeski has retained legal counsel.

Darrel Gaydeski stated that he was told last Thursday he would not be allowed to be on the agenda. He distributed a letter to Council Members regarding an incident with City staff and the Mayor and regarding his plan to establish a marijuana production and processing facility at the property under lease to Interfor. He also distributed a copy of a letter from Mayor Monohon to the Liquor Control Board clarifying that the City has no agreement to lease property to Mr. Gaydeski and that the property in question has federal covenants that would prohibit a marijuana operation. Mr. Gaydeski stated the marijuana operation could provide 80 to 100 jobs and that tomorrow, he will have a non-binding sublease agreement with Interfor.

Lissy Andros distributed a map of her property at 257 Merchant Road. The map shows a City easement where her home is located. She requested that the easement be vacated.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 8, 2015 by Breidenbach, second Hillcar, motion carried 4-1 with Brager abstaining.

2. Motion to approve the manual claim check numbered 31888 for \$213.75, claim checks numbered 31889 to 31929 for \$69,236.74 by Hinchon, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

3. Ordinance #618 McGinley Easement Vacation

Attorney/Planner Fleck presented the ordinance vacating an undeveloped easement of 10th Avenue NE. A resolution was presented April 27, 2015 and a public hearing was held May 26, 2015.

Discussion ensued regarding the value of the easement and the cost to the City in processing the easement vacation.

Motion to approve Ordinance #618 McGinley Easement Vacation by Brager, second Breidenbach, motion carried.

4. Resolution #444 Authorizing Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Grant Application for Quillayute Valley School District (QVSD)

Bill Henderson was in the audience representing QVSD. Attorney/Planner Fleck presented the resolution, which is formalizing the previous Council approval of a letter of intent to apply for Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) funds on behalf of the QVSD for improvements to the athletic field. The City would enter into a subrecipient agreement with the School.

Motion to approve Resolution #444 Authorizing YAF Grant Application for QVSD (striking the third "whereas") by Brager, second Weissenfels, motion carried 4-1 with Hillcar against.

5. Request to Vacate Easement for C St NE for Lots 4 and 5 of Westerlund Short Plat

Attorney/Planner Fleck presented a letter from Lissy Andros requesting the City to vacate the easement on her property. He stated that this is a different scenario than the McGinley easement, since staff feels there is a need for this east/west access. He could develop a notice of public hearing to be presented at the next meeting.

Motion to develop a resolution regarding the request to vacate the C Street NE easement and call for a public hearing by Hillcar, second Brager, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. City Code Chapter 10 was reviewed.

It was suggested that the parking ticket fee be increased. Section 10.25.020 can be stricken. Sections 11 and 12 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

2. Council Member Reports

Council Member Breidenbach discussed the fire in the Queets area. It is difficult to fight because of the steep terrain. He also attended two DNR/American Forest Resource Council meetings regarding arrearage, which is currently valued at \$68 million.

Council Member Hinch stated that Council should be able to put Darrel Gaydeski's project on the agenda and questioned the letter to the Liquor Control Board, asking whose decision it would be to allow a marijuana operation on City property. He also

reported that there may be a fireworks ban. He asked the status of filling the building inspector position. The position will be readvertised.

Council Member Hillcar met with Dean Millet, USFS and County Commissioner Peach regarding ATV route connectivity.

Council Member Weissenfels noted that the shelter phone has been disconnected as a cost saving measure. She recently visited the San Juan Islands and was impressed at the convenience of the new ferry reservation system.

3. Staff Reports

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom attended the Northwest Clerks Institute in Tacoma last week. The hours can be credited toward certification as a municipal clerk.

Public Works Director Zellar stated that water levels for all five wells and the Calawah River are being monitored every two weeks.

Police Administrator Bart reported that Sergeant Rowley and Officer Garcia completed training and are certified interview specialists. The recently purchased vehicle is having the graphics and radio installed.

Attorney/Planner Fleck has spoken to the Washington Labor Council regarding the Allen Logging Company closure and Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits for their employees. The information has also been sent to legislators. He will attend the July 7th DNR Board meeting. He coordinated a meeting on June 18th at the Interfor millsite with representatives from Interfor, Port of Port Angeles, University of Washington, American Forest Resource Council and others. They discussed how to aid in marketing the property for future use by subtenants and how to develop a long-term strategy for economic development at the site. He has contacted federal grantors to determine if specific grant assurances still apply to the Interfor site. One grant agreement states that the subsequent changes in use would require approval from that federal agency.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Monohon attended the Clallam Transit System meeting last Monday and the Board of Health meeting last Tuesday. Dr. Christopher Frank is the new health director. The Mayor will be a presenter at the AWC conference this week speaking about the Rainforest Arts Center fire and how the City dealt with the disaster.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Weissenfels, second Hillcar, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer



Bryon Monohon, Mayor