

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
July 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Monohon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Public Works Director Zellar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom noted that the Six-Year Street Plan is for 2016 – 2021 and Mayor Monohon asked that Code Review be removed from the agenda. Council Member Weissenfels requested that discussion take place regarding Darrel Gaydeski's plan to start a business at the Interfor millsite. Mayor Monohon stated he would forward her request to legal counsel.

Motion to approve the agenda correcting the Street Plan title and deleting Code Review by Brager, second Breidenbach, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director reported that June was very busy with over 5,000 visitors, up from last June's total of 4,300. The Chamber is sponsoring a series of free movies at the Rainforest Arts Center with the next scheduled for July 16th. Concessions are offered by donation. [The movies are shown under the license purchased by the City.]

Mark Soderlind, 4th of July Committee President reported on recent awards for the 4th of July float: Mason County Governor's Award, Port Orchard Governor's Award, Clallam Bay Best of Show. He stated the Committee lost money this year, but that was due to construction of the concession stand. The upcoming schedule for the float includes La Push, Joyce, Neah Bay and Hoquiam.

Darrel Gaydeski distributed copies of an e-mail written to Mayor Monohon requesting to be placed on the agenda and a letter from Interfor stating they would be willing to terminate their lease to enable another party to lease the property. Mr. Gaydeski reported that he has been trying for six weeks to get on the agenda and he can't understand why the City can't get behind this. He wants Council to get informed and stated that he is not in litigation with the City.

Bob Stark read from a prepared statement expressing concern about the way the Darrel Gaydeski/Interfor subject is being addressed. He would like the City to support Mr.

Gaydeski's efforts to go ahead with his proposal to grow marijuana at the Interfor site, providing jobs to the community.

Jaymi Goetze said she had family members who worked for Interfor and that this should be looked into, since it would provide jobs and also tax revenue.

Ruth Kettel brought up the WATV ordinance. She would like to see it passed. She also felt that if the marijuana operation were to open that we would have more "druggies" and people breaking into homes.

Jerry King stated the issue should be brought before Council and that it is very unfair to Darrel Gaydeski not to consider it.

Ed Ansorg expressed the importance of listening to the idea and having a discussion.

Andrew Hoschar questioned if these comments would have any impact on whether or not the issue is discussed.

Mayor Monohon replied that legal counsel is involved with this issue and that when attorneys are retained, it changes how the City is obligated to respond. He added that the City has been in regular contact with Mr. Gaydeski's attorneys.

Darrel Gaydeski asserted the reason legal counsel is involved is because the Mayor told him he would have to speak through attorneys.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 22, 2015 by Breidenbach, second Brager, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the manual claim checks numbered 31930 to 31932 for \$4,254.45, payroll checks numbered 31933 to 31952 for \$110,945.50 and claim checks numbered 31953 to 31995 for \$55,057.07 by Breidenbach, second Brager, motion carried 4-0 with Hillcar abstaining.

3. Motion to approve the May and June 2015 Treasurer's Report by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

4. Resolution #445 Providing Notice of Request to Vacate Easement

Mayor Monohon presented the resolution, which states that a request was received from property owner Lissy Andros asking that the City vacate an undeveloped easement across her property located to the east of South Merchant Road. The resolution calls for a public hearing to be held August 10, 2015.

Motion to approve Resolution #445 Providing Notice of Request to Vacate Easement and setting a public hearing on August 10, 2015 by Weissenfels, second Hillcar, motion carried.

5. Set Public Hearing Date for 2016 – 2021 Six-Year Street Plan

Public Works Director Zellar reviewed the projects listed on the six-year street plan.

Motion to set a public hearing for the 2016 – 2021 Six-Year Street Plan on July 27, 2015 by Breidenbach, second Hillcar, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Second Quarter 2015 Building Permit Report was reviewed.

2. Council Member Reports

Council Member Breidenbach commented on the Olympic National Park's plans for roadwork around Lake Crescent. The Park is planning extensive closures for the roadwork, but has not issued a description of the roadwork to occur.

Council Member Brager attended a meeting at the Olympic Natural Resource Center regarding recreation in the Olympic Experimental State Forest. He spoke to Rich James with Clallam County about the Olympic Discovery Trail. Portions of the route near Forks have not yet been determined. He would like the City to support Clallam County in completing the route.

Council Member Brager also stated that he would like to address the issue with Darrel Gaydeski. He appreciates the public input. He asked if the situation with the buildings at Interfor could be clarified.

Mayor Monohon explained that the only building owned by the City is the large warehouse. The other buildings are owned by Interfor. Since the lease has over seven years remaining, Interfor still has control over those buildings. Also, the boiler does not meet current regulatory specifications and could no longer be grandfathered since it has been inoperative.

Council Member Hinch attended the meeting at the ONRC regarding recreation in the OESF. He also questioned why the ATV ordinance is not slated for a vote. Mayor Monohon stated that staff was reviewing the recently passed Clallam County ordinance.

Council Member Hinch submitted a letter of resignation. He has moved outside of city limits and this will be his last meeting. A notice will be issued requesting letters of interest from individuals willing to serve for the remaining term, which ends December 31, 2015.

Council Member Hillcar also attended the meeting at the ONRC regarding recreation in the OESF. The biggest issue seemed to be liability.

Council Member Weissenfels attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting which was held at the Rainforest Arts Center with Mick Dodge as the speaker. She also

attended Olympic National Park's fire update meeting and is receiving e-mail updates on the Paradise Fire.

4. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Zellar has been looking into the "Light up Washington" program in order to change the street lights to LED fixtures. He reported that the wells are at levels typical for mid-August. He is investigating another potential well near the airport. It was originally dug in the late 1960's to explore for natural gas. He will be renting a pump and having the water tested.

Police Administrator Bart reported minor detour issues during the 4th of July parade.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Monohon stated that he was proud of how the community handled the lack of fireworks over the 4th of July. He reported attending the Association of Washington Cities Conference in Wenatchee, where he was a panel member with mayors who addressed disasters in their communities. He also attended ONP's fire briefing and the joint fire response meeting at the DNR and was interviewed by King 5 regarding the drought.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Breidenbach, second Hinchey, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



Bryon Monohon, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer