

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
July 27, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

[Council Member Hinchon submitted his resignation at the July 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.]

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Losby who recently moved to Forks, introduced himself to Council. He wanted to know if the City of Forks has a military liaison. Mayor Monohon suggested that Mr. Losby stop by City Hall to discuss the subject.

David Selman, Administrator of Clallam County Public Hospital District #1, Daisy Anderson, Board Chair and Laura Kripinski, Chief Nursing Officer presented a plaque to Police Administrator Rick Bart. They acknowledged the partnership with the Police Department and thanked them for their loyal service and support of the Hospital.

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director reported that the next movie nights will be August 13th and September 17th at the Rainforest Arts Center.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 13, 2015 by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the manual claim check numbered 31996 for \$1,851.89, payroll checks numbered 31997 to 32016 for \$76,630.41 and claim checks numbered 32017 to 32045 for \$50,689.71 by Brager, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

3. 2016 – 2021 Six-Year Street Plan

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

Mayor Monohon opened the public hearing on the Six-Year Street Plan. There were no public comments. Mayor Monohon closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve Resolution #446 Six-Year Street Plan for 2016 – 2021 by Weissenfels, second Brager, motion carried.

4. Transfer of Quillayute Airport FAA Restricted Funds

Attorney/Planner Fleck explained that federally restricted funds are allocated to the Quillayute Airport. There are no projects currently at Quillayute. These funds expire in 2015. The FAA has requested that we transfer these funds to another airport in Washington State. Demolition of the haul-out facility does not qualify for capital funds.

Motion to approve the transfer of Quillayute Airport FAA restricted funds to Olympia by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

5. Ordinance #617 Relating to the Operation of Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles within the City of Forks

Council clarified that a licensee of a WATV releases the City from liability. If passed, the ordinance would be in effect five days after publication.

Motion to approve Ordinance #617 Relating to the Operation of Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles within the City of Forks, adding chapter 10.35 by Hillcar, second Brager, motion carried 3-1 with Weissenfels against.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Code Review

Chapters 11 and 12 were reviewed.

2. Council Member Reports

Council Member Breidenbach reported observing kids on motorcycles and ATVs riding on streets near his home.

Council Member Brager recently had occasion to apply for a conditional use permit and reported that it was a positive experience. He noted that our code has a gap with regard to the vacation rentals category and that would be an appropriate section to add. He also shared a comment from KUOW.org by a wildlife biologist regarding the Paradise Fire. They remarked that the patchwork burn pattern is an important part of the ecosystem and burned areas allow sunlight to get through and enable new growth on the forest floor. His thought was that perhaps the Department of Natural Resources was ahead of the curve by harvesting, slash burning and replanting.

Council Member Weissenfels attended the Clallam Transit System meeting in Sequim last Monday.

3. Staff Reports

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom stated that a notice was publicized asking for letters of interest from individuals willing to serve for the remainder of the term vacated by Kevin Hinch. Letters will be presented at the meeting on August 10th for Council to appoint

a replacement. Mr. Hinchey will be listed on the ballot in the upcoming general election. If he is elected to the position for the next term, he will need to submit another resignation due to his ineligibility, since he does not reside within the city limits. At that time, the appointment process would take place again.

Public Works Director Zellar reported on the paving for Highway 101 and Calawah Way. Work is being done at night and is progressing well. A pump has been placed in the well at the airport. A meeting to review drought conditions will be held August 5th with representatives from the Department of Ecology. The City has also issued a request for qualifications for geology work to look for additional water sources.

Police Administrator Bart reported that they are still working on filling the Corrections position, that the suspected car prowler is currently in custody and the recently purchased patrol vehicle is on the road. He also reported that United Way of Clallam County is looking to fill the bookkeeper and executive director positions.

Attorney/Planner Fleck stated that the City has initiated a dispute resolution clause with regard to the DNR implementing the Olympic Experimental State Forest plan. He has had meetings with congressional staff regarding DNR arrearage numbers and also cross-laminated timber products. He also reminded Council that the State Supreme Court will be holding court in Forks on Thursday, September 10th.

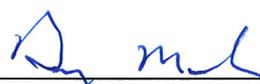
4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Monohon attended the US Coast Guard change of command ceremony, rode the City entry in the Quileute Days parade, attended the Clallam Transit System meeting and the Board of Health meeting since the last Council meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding Darrel Gaydeski's proposed marijuana grow operation. Council was given copies of e-mails between the City and Mr. Gaydeski's attorney. The e-mails contained information clarifying grant covenant restrictions for the Industrial Park property, which would prohibit a marijuana operation at the site. It was also noted that the City has never received a written business proposal from Mr. Gaydeski and that he is free to pursue his venture on private property.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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



Bryon Monohon, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer