

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Special Session
City Council Chambers
500 East Division Street
November 10, 2014
5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

2015 Budget Workshop

Mayor Monohon invited those present to speak about their Lodging Tax Fund requests and to answer any questions from Council.

Melene Bourm represented West End Thunder. She reported that the number of cars was down last season from the previous year – from 90 to about 60 per weekend. She attributed that to several rainouts, the economy and gas prices. She stated that four racing events are planned for 2015 during the months of June through September.

[Council Member Breidenbach arrived.]

Discussion ensued regarding the influx of tourists on race weekends. West End Thunder is contemplating adding a “Hot August Night” event next year, which is a car show and cruise.

Marcia Yanish addressed Council regarding the Piecemakers Quilt Club request to help fund the 2015 Fabric of the Forest Quilt Show. She stated that attendance was down last year due to some scheduling conflicts by other quilt clubs. The club will continue to utilize the logo created last year by Dennis McGregor. They are anticipating numbers to be higher this year, since it will be held the same weekend as the Rainforest Arts Center opening.

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Bill Peach Chamber Board President spoke regarding the Chamber’s request to fund Visitor Information Center operations and tourism promotion and marketing. Ms. Andros thanked the City Council for entrusting the Chamber with these responsibilities. She reported that Mick Dodge is becoming a huge draw to the area. The funding request was increased slightly due to building maintenance needs.

Mayor Monohon reviewed the Lodging Tax Fund requests and budget. He also reviewed the public health agency requests and the recommended budget.

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom pointed out that the 4th of July line item for Lodging Tax includes expenses paid directly by the City for sanican and dumpster costs.

Public Works Director Zellar updated Council on some improvements being made at the Tillicum Park Arena. Utilizing mostly volunteer labor, fencing was moved and regrading completed to allow for additional seating. Also the Lions Club is building a new food booth.

Public Works Director Zellar then spoke about various maintenance and repair projects included in the 2015 budget. They include roof replacement at the ICN building and painting City Hall.

Department Heads reviewed suggested pay increases for specific employees.

Public Works Director Zellar explained the water tank maintenance planned for 2015. It was a component of the capital facilities plan to clean and paint the tanks, which would involve draining and sandblasting. This is estimated at \$150,000.

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Workshop was adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Bryon Monohon, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom
Clerk/Treasurer