

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
December 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Monohon stated that an Executive Session is needed for approximately 20 minutes to discuss the status of union negotiations.

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session by Weissenfels, second Breidenbach, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John McMillan, Science Director for Trout Unlimited spoke about their initiatives and goals. He said that Trout Unlimited shares interest with the City in maintaining the fisheries and that they support the rules adopted last Friday by the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW). He reported that there was broad support for the rules, which should help to reverse long term decline in the Hoh, Queets and Quillayute river systems.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lissy Andros invited all to Business After Hours this Wednesday at the Puffin on 101 Café. She also reported that County Commissioner Bill Peach will be the speaker at Wednesday's meeting.

Bob Kratzer reported that he has been working with Rod Fleck to plan a steelhead symposium to be held in Forks during the first quarter of next year. They hope to bring together all stakeholders in the area fisheries. He also distributed information regarding the lawsuit against WDFW which has delayed the release of hatchery steelhead until a management plan is approved. He encouraged those present to urge WDFW to complete the plan in time for the critical May 1st smolt release date.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Session and Regular Session held November 23, 2015 and the Special Session held December 7, 2015 by Breidenbach, second Brager, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the payroll checks numbered 32482 to 32500 for \$114,860.04; and claim checks numbered 32501 to 32542 for \$106,235.67 by Breidenbach, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

3. Motion to approve the November 2015 Treasurer's Report by Weissenfels, second Brager, motion carried.

4. 2016 Budget Ordinance #619

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom reviewed the 2016 Budget Ordinance. The Street Projects budget has been revised to include preliminary engineering for the Bogachiel Way overlay project.

Motion to approve the 2016 Budget Ordinance #619 by Breidenbach, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Council Member Reports

Council Member Brager stated that he will not be in attendance at the next meeting.

Council Member Weissenfels attended Congressman Kilmer's Olympic Peninsula Forest Collaborative meeting last Friday. She felt that it was a positive step to bring diverse interests together.

2. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Hampton reported that he is in the process of writing job descriptions for his crew. He attended the preconstruction meeting for the DNR shop. Other projects he and his crew are working on include: drainage issues at the Visitor Center, storm cleanup and evaluating vehicles for replacement. He is also reviewing the draft report for the water tank rehabilitation project.

Attorney/Planner Fleck said the Cross Laminated Timber forum held in Port Angeles was well attended and they discussed strategy, challenges and groundwork on how to proceed with the initiative. He has been meeting with Enterprise for Equity and the Nature Conservancy on how to expand the entrepreneurial training that was offered over the summer. They would like the City to consider a Community Development Block Grant to fund a micro-loan program. He is planning a symposium in late February or early March on area steelhead issues. He attended Kilmer's Forest Collaborative meeting, but felt there was no clear goal or stated measure of success. He participated as an auctioneer for Cherish Our Children and Festival of Trees over the weekend and will be taking off most of the last two weeks in December.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Monohon participated in the Twinkle Light Parade and attended the Forest Collaborative meeting followed by lunch with Congressman Kilmer.

Council Member Weissenfels noted that she had voted against the Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Program at the November 23rd meeting based on her own water use. She subsequently discovered that the data was not correct and based on the corrected numbers, she would have been in favor of the WUE.

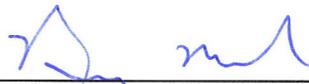
4. Executive Session was called at 9:15 p.m. until 9:35 p.m. to discuss the status of union negotiations.

At 9:35 p.m. Mayor Monohon examined the parking lot to announce an extension of executive session.

Mayor Monohon called the meeting back to order at 10:19 p.m. No action was taken.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Hillcar, second McGinley, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.



Bryon Monohon, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer