

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
May 9, 2016

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director reported that they took delivery of their new/used logging and mill tour van last week. The van will be wrapped with a forest scene and sponsor logos. It will be available for the City tour on June 2nd.

Dave Youngberg commented that the dance at the Rainforest Arts Center last Friday was well attended, including people from Port Townsend who were impressed with the RAC and stayed overnight in Forks.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 25, 2016 by Hillcar, second Preston, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the manual claim checks numbered 33044, 33045, 042916, 042916B for \$9,792.41, payroll checks numbered 33046 to 33064 for \$112,501.74 and claim checks numbered 33065 to 33099 for \$76,836.35 by Ayers, second Weissenfels, motion carried 4-0 with Hillcar abstaining.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Pacific Fishery Management Council Ocean Season Report

Gary Grahn reported on recent recreational management measures adopted by the Council for non-Indian ocean salmon fisheries. No agreement was reached for Puget Sound. Consequently there is no Puget Sound fishing season for 2016. A 52-day season was set for the Coast with an allocation of 22,000 fish with no coho retention. Also of significant note is the cancellation of all river fishing this fall. He felt the fishery should recuperate fairly quickly with the coho escapement. Halibut continues on a Thursday/Saturday schedule for the month of May, depending on quota.

2. Forks Jail Report January – April 2016

The Jail Report was compiled by Corrections Sergeant Ed Klahn. Council was appreciative of receiving the information regarding number of bookings and daily population. A revision to the Jail contracts was made to define Intensive Management Prisoners and assign a rate of two times the base daily rate.

3. Council Member Reports

Council Member Preston submitted a letter to the Peninsula Daily News questioning the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency's need to put forth a rate increase of 80% for residents of Clallam County.

Council Member Brager inquired about the notice for a meeting regarding the Quillayute Airport. Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom explained that the public meeting is a component of the environmental review for clean-up efforts conducted several years ago at the Airport.

Council Member Ayers reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting April 27th for a presentation by Clallam County Prosecutor, Mark Nichols. He noted that Mr. Nichols offered to give a presentation to City Council. He also attended the Port of Port Angeles special meeting at the Olympic Natural Resources Center regarding timber issues. Consensus was that the DNR needs to conduct a current timber inventory. It was reported that arrearage is currently estimated at 247 mmbf. He would highly recommend that Clallam County Commissioners pursue taking control of the County's trust lands.

Council Member Hillcar stated that he called the Hoquiam Rayonier office and left a message for the manager of timberland security to inform them about the dire condition of Rayonier property west of the Forks Sand & Gravel property.

Council Member Weissenfels reported traveling through the Lewiston, Uniontown and Colton areas, which show signs of a robust economy. Also, she will not be attending the next Council meeting.

4. Staff Reports

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom reported that the City received the rebate payment from Clallam County PUD for the streetlight LED conversion project. She has been working on revisions to the new website, renewing jail contracts, the Invoice Cloud agreement and coordinating the RCO grant. She noted that the City should realize approximately \$12,000 in sales tax revenue from the Spartan Field project. Council Members are invited to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony on May 17th at 6:00 p.m.

5. Mayor's Report

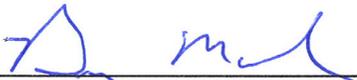
Mayor Monohon reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce board meeting last Thursday.

Council reviewed sales and lodging tax reports.

Council Member Weissenfels questioned whether or not any actions should be taken regarding water levels and usage. Mayor Monohon stated that reports will be provided at the next Council meeting for discussion of potential restrictions.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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



Bryon Monohon, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer