

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
October 10, 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, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Bart, Police Administrator and Hampton, Public Works Director.

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Ayers requested that the Preliminary Budget be added to the agenda as a Discussion Item.

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Preliminary Budget as Discussion Item #1 by Brager, second Ayers, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Losby inquired about whether the City of Forks is compensated for military operations in the air space above the City. He was informed that the City is not compensated. He also proposed that the City institute a soda tax for increased revenue, similar to the tax of 35% that he pays on marijuana. He inquired about air quality monitoring in the City, as he was concerned about the effects of smoke from woodstoves. The Mayor informed him that air quality issues are handled by Olympic Region Clean Air Agency. Mr. Losby also suggested that water and sewer systems be looked at more frequently than the required seven years.

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director invited everyone to the 3rd Thursday movie on October 20th, which is a showing of "The Ring". Concessions will be provided by the "Rain of Terror Haunted House".

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 26, 2016 by Preston, second Brager, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the manual claim check numbered 33630 for \$352.20, payroll checks numbered 33631 to 33657 for \$102,775.46 and claim checks numbered 33658 to 33690 for \$121,211.92 by Brager, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

3. Resolution #454 Adoption of General Sewer/Wastewater Facility Plan (Plan)

Council reviewed the Plan at the September 26, 2016 meeting at which time a public hearing was held. No comments were received.

Motion to approve Resolution #454 adopting the General Sewer/Wastewater Facility Plan dated February 2016 by Preston, second Brager, motion carried.

4. Ordinance #623 Amending the Forks Criminal Code Regarding Disorderly Conduct
Council reviewed draft versions of the ordinance at previous meetings.

Motion to postpone indefinitely Ordinance #624 by Hillcar, second Ayers, motion failed 2-3 with Preston, Brager and Weissenfels against.

Motion to approve Ordinance #623 Amending the Criminal Code Regarding Disorderly Conduct by Preston, second Brager, motion carried 3-2 with Ayers and Hillcar against.

5. Ordinance #624 Amending the Forks Criminal Code Regarding Disorderly Conduct Pertaining to Violation of Privacy

Motion to approve Ordinance #624 Amending the Criminal Code Regarding Disorderly Conduct Pertaining to Violation of Privacy by Brager, second Preston, motion carried 3-2 with Ayers and Hillcar against.

6. Ordinance #625 Adopting the 2015 International Building Code

Motion to table Ordinance #625 to the next meeting by Brager, second Preston, motion failed 2-3 with Ayers, Hillcar and Weissenfels against.

Motion to adopt the 2015 International Building Code by Weissenfels, second Ayers, motion carried 3-2 with Preston and Brager against.

7. Sublease between Interfor U.S., Inc. and Board of Regents of the University of Washington

The University of Washington, Olympic Natural Resources Center (ONRC) has received a donation of pyrolysis equipment. They have been working with Interfor to secure a site with industrial power to house the equipment for the purpose of conducting research. They have presented a sublease agreement in the amount of \$1, which would require the ONRC to pay a portion of the PUD bill. ONRC would work in conjunction with the Peninsula College Green Building Program.

Motion to approve the sublease between Interfor U.S., Inc. and Board of Regents of the University of Washington by Ayers, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Preliminary Budget

Council received the preliminary 2017 budget on October 3rd. The expenditures as presented would deplete the General Fund balance and result in a deficit of \$16,000 at the end of 2017. Council Member Ayers stated that he believes the Law Enforcement budget could be trimmed and requested Police Administrator Bart to look at those items that have not had recent expenditures. He is recommending a 4% cushion for the General Fund.

Council Member Hillcar inquired about the Transit Center vacancy. Olympic National Park notified the City in September that they would not be renewing their lease. He also requested that other avenues of revenue be sought for the Rainforest Arts Center in order to close the operating expense gap.

2. Council Member Reports

Council Member Preston attended the State Auditor's entrance meeting for Clallam Transit. Also, he announced that his replacement at the Hoh Visitor Center would be arriving in November from Yellowstone.

Council Member Ayers has been reviewing the preliminary budget. He will attend the Clallam County Disability Board meeting on October 18th.

Council Member Weissenfels attended the Heritage Days Fish & Brew event, which she said had sparse attendance.

3. Staff Reports

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom reported that staff will be meeting with USDA representatives on October 13th to discuss financing options for the water and wastewater systems capital needs.

Public Works Director Hampton attended the Street Maintenance Conference in Yakima September 26th. He was able to see demonstrations of various pavement repair machines. He reported that well levels are up. Also, he stated that test holes for cultural samples for the Spartan Sidewalk project will be dug October 18th. Speed limit issues near the north end of town were discussed. It was suggested to request that the 50 mph zone be moved.

Police Administrator Bart announced the City was awarded a \$1,900 grant to purchase bulletproof vests. He also stated that an officer previously employed with the City will be re-hired.

Attorney/Planner Fleck met with FEMA regarding the revised flood plain maps. He is working to correct some problems with the maps regarding Mill Creek and Peterson Creek. The Planning Commission will meet October 19th and will discuss vacation rentals. He has had continuing discussions regarding mill infrastructure. Also, he noted that a ceremony will be held tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. at the Rainforest Arts Center for signing of the Olympic Experimental State Forest Plan.

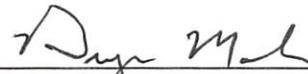
4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Monohon stated that the City expects to lift water restrictions very soon. He reported about ongoing meetings between a group of citizens and Clallam County Habitat for Humanity. Habitat has stated that they plan to sell their home sites in Forks to the Clallam County Housing Authority. He noted the recent closures of the Elwha Bridge and the flow of the river, which has dropped 14 feet in that area. He stated that discussions should take place with various agencies involved regarding the long term

implications. He also reported that former City employee Archie Larson had recently passed away and expressed thanks for Archie's service to the community and condolences to his family.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Preston, second Hillcar, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.



Bryon Monohon, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer