

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
September 26, 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 and Bart, Police Administrator Absent: Hampton, Public Works Director.

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director read cards and letters of thanks from happy Forever Twilight in Forks attendees. She reported that there will be an open house at the Visitor Information Center and Timber Museum on October 5th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Attendees will be able to use the new National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration kiosk in the VIC Ocean Room. She also reported the next movie night at the Rainforest Arts Center will be October 20th, hosted by the Rain of Terror Haunted House.

Dave Youngberg commented that the new dog park is nice, but people need to clean up after their pets. The Mayor responded that bags and a dispenser have been ordered.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 12, 2016 by Brager, second Hillcar, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the payroll checks numbered 33575 to 33590 for \$63,789.62, manual claim check numbered 33591 for \$1,241.61 and claim checks numbered 33592 to 33629 for \$351,173.39 by Brager, second Preston, motion carried 4-0, with Ayers abstaining.

3. Review/Adoption of General Sewer/Wastewater Facility Plan (Plan)

Attorney/Planner Fleck stated that the last Plan was adopted in September 2007. The Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance for the new Plan was issued in June and the deadline for appeal was September 2, 2016.

Mayor Monohon opened the public hearing for the comprehensive plan which was prepared to address the City's planning needs for wastewater collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal for the 20-year planning period of 2014 to 2034.

No public comments were received. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Council members commented that they felt it was a good plan and they discussed the process for expanding the sewer system, which would involve establishing a Utility Local Improvement District. Council noted some errors in the narrative and tables to be corrected.

Motion to authorize staff to prepare a resolution to adopt the General Sewer/Wastewater Facility Plan dated February 2016 with corrections by Brager, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Draft Ordinances Amending Forks Criminal Code Regarding Disorderly Conduct
Attorney/Planner Fleck reviewed the revisions made to the draft disorderly conduct ordinance. The second ordinance pertains to the conduct of violating privacy. The ordinances will be presented as an action item at the next meeting.

2. Council Member Reports

Council Member Preston stated that he missed the last Council meeting and the Clallam Transit System meeting due to personal issues.

Council Member Ayers attended the weekly Chamber of Commerce meeting and spent time reviewing the Sewer/Wastewater Facility Plan.

Council Member Hillcar discussed the major change in traffic patterns on the north end of town from Olympic Drive to the "A" Road. He has seen a large number of near-misses and severe collisions attributed to high speeds, left turns to the museum and increased business at the former Smokehouse. It was suggested that Public Works Director Hampton request the speed limit be lowered in that area.

Council Member Weissenfels reported that she chaired the Clallam Transit System meeting last Monday.

3. Staff Reports

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom stated that she has been working on the preliminary budget with department heads. She anticipated a drop in sales tax for 2017, as she is not aware of any substantial construction projects next year. She attended a property tax levy training last week facilitated by the Department of Revenue.

Police Administrator Bart reported that the pharmacy burglar was arrested in Joyce in conjunction with the robbery at the Blackberry Café. He also stated the United Way campaign is underway.

Discussion ensued regarding Police Department budget difficulties, filling officer positions and the agreement with the Clallam County Sheriff's Department. Council

Member Preston suggested that Olympic National Park seasonal law enforcement personnel may be a resource for officers, as they are furloughed six month of the year.

Attorney/Planner Fleck attended the Clallam Transit System meeting and gave a presentation on the University of Washington kiosk concepts for the Transit Center.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Monohon reported that he attended the community gathering yesterday at the Catherine of Siena housing complex, which was sponsored by the Christian Men's Fellowship. He also attended the memorial service for Matt Sullivan yesterday. It was estimated that Sully's has employed more than 1,000 people over their years in business. The Mayor also noted that the Olympic Experimental State Forest Plan is final and a ceremony will be held October 11th.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Preston, second Ayers, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Bryon Monohon, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer