

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Special Session  
City Council Chambers  
500 East Division Street  
November 30, 2016  
5:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**DISCUSSION OF ELWHA RIVER BRIDGE**

This special meeting was called to discuss the status of the Elwha River Bridge on US Highway 101 and to hear a presentation regarding the bridge by Washington State Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel. The Elwha Bridge was built in 1926 and has experienced erosion near the base of the piers due to changing river conditions since removal of the Glines Canyon Dam. DOT is currently using tilt and crack meters, and physical inspections to monitor the status of the bridge.

DOT personnel present: John Wynands, Assistant Regional Administrator for Project Development, Chris Bruning, Port Angeles Project Engineer and Elwha Project Manager, and Claudia Bingham Baker, Olympic Region Communications Manager.

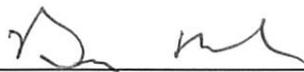
A slideshow was presented outlining the history of the bridge, its present condition, and seven options that DOT is currently researching. A handout explaining those seven options was distributed to the audience.

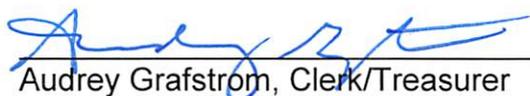
Members of the Council and several audience members voiced their concerns and urged DOT to take swift action to replace the bridge.

DOT staff stressed the importance of submitting comments regarding the bridge, to include which of the seven options you are supporting. Several methods for submitting comments were shared with the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn by Weissenfels, second Ayers, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

  
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Bryon Monohon, Mayor

  
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Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer