

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session  
City Council Chambers  
December 11, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Monohon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor-elect Tim Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Monohon observed a moment of silence for the passing of former Mayor Joseph Blomgren who served from 1956 to 1962 and 1964 to 1969.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ruth Kettel spoke about her celebrations after a loss by the Seahawks. She rides around town in her WATV honking the horn. Recently she was pulled over by a Forks Police Officer. She requested that she be allowed to continue her celebratory rides.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Motion** to approve minutes of the Special Meeting and Regular Meeting held November 27, 2017 and the Special Meeting held December 4, 2017 by Brager, second Preston, motion carried.

2. **Motion** to approve the payroll checks numbered 35118 through 35133 for \$115,501.95, manual claim check numbered 35134 for \$92,082.52 and claim checks numbered 35135 through 35165 for \$24,947.84, and travel checks numbered 3386 through 3389 for \$665.63 by Weissenfels, second Brager, motion carried.

3. **Motion** to approve the November 2017 Treasurer's Report by Brager, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

4. 2018 Budget Ordinance #630

**Motion** to approve 2018 Budget Ordinance #630 by Preston, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

5. Public Hearing Regarding Draft Ordinance #629 Vacation Rentals

Attorney/Planner Fleck reviewed recent revisions to the draft ordinance. The ordinance will simplify the process for property owners to operate a vacation rental.

Mayor Monohon opened the public hearing.

Joe Soha requested clarification regarding the need for a special use permit in a high density commercial area.

Mayor Monohon closed the public hearing. Action on this ordinance is planned for January 22, 2018.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Speed Limit Revisions**

Public Works Director Hampton reported that any sign retrofits (flashing lights, etc.) need to be approved by DOT. Also, DOT pays the cost of traffic studies required for speed limit revisions.

Chief Rowley stated his suggestion that the speed limit be reduced to 35 MPH to give UTV/ATV access to the "A Road" (Sitkum-Sol Duc Road).

Discussion ensued regarding the process involved, distance requirements for speed zones, communication of changes to the public, and installation of alerts on existing signs.

This item will be discussed again at the first meeting in January.

### **2. Council Member Reports**

**Council Member Preston** requested that he be replaced on the Clallam Transit System Board.

**Council Member Brager** will be absent for the next meeting.

**Council Member Weissenfels** stated there is no Homelessness Task Force meeting in December. She participated in the Festival of Trees event over the weekend, providing piano music.

### **3. Staff Reports**

**Public Works Director Hampton** reported that his crew repaired an extensive leak in the Valley View area last Friday. He also reported that the City Hall lobby door lock and intercom with camera is now moved to the exterior door and is operational.

**Police Chief Rowley** reported that the relationship with Clallam County is improving. The County has been sending inmates to be housed at the Forks Jail. He is also working on a contract with Jefferson County for inmate holds.

Council Member Preston thanked Chief Rowley for his efforts in increasing contract holds for the Jail.

**Attorney/Planner Fleck** reported that he had attended two meetings with the DNR. One was the annual settlement partners meeting associated with the lawsuit over the 2004 sustainable harvest calculation (SHC). One element of the settlement is that when there is a new SHC many short-term deferrals associated with the lawsuit are to be removed. However, the Board of Natural Resources decision may have the effect of reinstating those deferrals. He also noted that the BNR proposed preferred alternative may result in a new SHC of about 450 mmbf/year. He also stated that there was a good turn-out at both the Cherish Our Children and Festival of Trees auctions over the weekend.

#### **4. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Monohon noted that he is presiding over his penultimate council meeting. He reported that he enjoyed participating in the Twinkle Light Parade on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn by Preston, second Hillcar, motion carried 3-1 with Brager against. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

  
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Bryon Monohon, Mayor

  
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Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer