

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Special Session
City Council Chambers
500 East Division Street
November 27, 2017
5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Preston, Brager, Ayers, Hillcar, Weissenfels and Mayor Monohon. Staff present: Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, and Hampton, Public Works Director. Absent: Rowley, Police Chief (Attending training in Burien.)

2018 Budget Workshop

Mayor Monohon invited those present to speak about their applications for Lodging Tax funds and to answer any questions from Council.

Linda Offutt, Manager of the Forks Timber Museum stated their request for funds is to cover a portion of the museum manager salary (currently the only paid position) and hire a part-time employee for two days per week. They are also planning to have rack cards printed professionally. They have seen their attendance grow with many repeat visitors. The average stay is now one hour and they are open year-round. They are also exploring expansion of the facility.


Justice Barnes was present representing the Forks Merchants Coed Softball Club. They have three tournaments planned for 2018. It's estimated that each tournament brings about 10 to 12 teams to town.

Marcia Yanish with the Piecemakers Quilt Club spoke about plans for the 2018 Fabric of the Forest Quilt Show and classes. She distributed statistics of attendance from previous events. Attendance went up slightly last year. They have upgraded their website and are using social media more.

Cary and Melene Bourm represented West End Thunder. Last year they scheduled five racing weekends, anticipating one or two rainouts. They raced all five weekends with just the Sunday in August being a rainout. They also held Hot Thunder Nite in August, which was well attended. Their request is higher because their expenses are increasing. Just the cost of the insurance for Hot Thunder Nite was \$2,250. They have been soliciting sponsors to help offset costs.

ADJOURNMENT

A recess was called at 7:24 p.m. and the Budget Workshop was adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:36 p.m.



Bryon Monohon, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer