

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session  
City Council Chambers  
November 26, 2018 7:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Pastor Pam Hunter with the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church led the invocation. Attorney/Planner Fleck led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Fletcher then called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Katie Krueger delivered a message from Shauna Rogers with Pro Bono Lawyers thanking the City for providing office space once a month in the ICN building to the Clallam County Courthouse Facilitator.

Sue Shane stated that the Olympic Discovery Trail will be a "gold mine" for tourism and encouraged council members to express their support for completion of the West End portion of the trail.

Melene Bourm expressed her hope that all of the Lodging Tax applicants are fully funded.

Steve Hopkins, Clallam Transit System Operations and Planning Manager reported that he inquired with administration about CTS assisting with the purchase of a speed limit sign, and they declined. He stated that ridership continues to increase. Also, they will coordinate again with the Forks Junior High School for transit education, which includes free passes through 2019.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Motion** to approve minutes of the Special Meeting and Regular Meeting held November 13, 2018 by Preston, second Soha, motion carried.

**2. Motion** to approve the manual claim checks numbered 36291 through 36292 for \$112,869.71, payroll checks 36293 through 36305 for \$66,548.48, claim checks numbered 36306 through 36329, 111518, and 1118 for \$107,479.02 by Soha, second Hillcar, motion carried.

**3. Motion** to approve the October 2018 Treasurer's Report by Soha, second Brager, motion carried.

**4. 2019 Budget Hearing**

Mayor Fletcher opened the 2019 Budget Hearing. No public comments were received. Mayor Fletcher closed the 2019 Budget Hearing.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. 2019 Legislative Priorities**

Attorney/Planner Fleck submitted a draft resolution with suggested legislative priorities. Council will review for further discussion.

**2. Council Member Reports**

**Council Member Preston** noted the Hoh Rainforest nature trails boast some of the best viewing for salmon spawning and also the occasional bobcat. He suggested the nature trails as an excellent place to take visitors.

**3. Staff Reports**

**Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom** reminded Council that next Monday is the final budget workshop. She also stated that the bond for interim financing of the water tank rehab project is set to close this week.

**Public Works Director Hampton** reported that sandblasting and welding is in progress on the 750 MG tank. A change order was initiated to add water level indicators to the tanks. Christmas decorations have been installed on Main Street. The tree will go up tomorrow with the lighting to take place this Saturday after the parade.

**Police Chief Rowley** has been finishing work on the new vehicles. They are scheduled for decal application this Thursday and he hopes to have a car available at Monday's meeting for inspection. He reported that vehicle prowls have increased over the last week and reminded people not to keep valuables in view and to lock their vehicles.

**Attorney/Planner Fleck** attended the State training on opportunity zones in Seattle. The Emerald Coast Opportunity Zone has received national attention, but some in the region seem to be questioning the importance of the designation and investment aspects of the national designation. Fleck attended the meeting on The Nature Conservancy's Emerald Edge/Washington Coastworks Alliance where the discussion focused on pursuing opportunities for economic change. He also gave public testimony at the Port of Port Angeles meeting thanking the Port for its work on the ECOZ and DNR issues. He noted he would be in Olympia on Tuesday for a meeting/presentation on marbled murrelets, and Thursday for a meeting of the settlement partners to undertake the annual review of DNR settlement related issues. Comments on the DNR's murrelet strategy are due December 6, 2018. The Cherish our Children Auction is Friday here in Forks. Festival of Trees is Saturday and Sunday with the Auction occurring on Sunday.

**4. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Fletcher stated he is looking forward to all of the events this weekend, including Cherish Our Children and the Twinkle Light Parade.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn by Hillcar, second Preston, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



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Tim Fletcher, Mayor



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Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer