

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
April 22, 2019 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Preston 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: Simons, Deputy Clerk, and Fleck, Attorney/Planner. Absent: Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer, Hampton, Public Works Director, Rowley, Police Chief.

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fletcher stated that an approximately ten-minute executive session is needed to discuss potential litigation regarding natural resources.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Lato, the City's representative for local fishing issues, attended the Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting April 9 through 16. Our area was granted a good salmon season with an extension. We may lose a couple of days on the Quillayute during low water conditions between weeks 40 and 46 to allow for tribal netting. A highlight of the meeting was learning about an educational process co-managed by the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) and native tribes, the goal of which is to educate aides to State senators and representatives on the importance of producing more fish. Lato noted that native tribes and their fully functioning hatcheries are our greatest assets because the State is busy fighting so many court battles against well-funded entities over the issues of fishing and hatcheries. Native tribes are also pressuring the State to resume hatchery operations. Lato added that while we were granted a "bubble fishery" extended season, funding for fish checkers is limited. We have an agreement to provide our own samplers.

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director reported that she and Mayor Fletcher attended the Association of Visitor Information Centers of Washington (AViCW) conference in Conconully April 17 through 19, and noted that the 2021 conference will be held in Forks. Approximately 30 visitor information centers were represented at the conference, and it was enlightening to see what other centers are doing. She thanked Mayor Fletcher for driving the Chamber of Commerce van to the conference and for the tour of Conconully. Mayor Fletcher added that it was a good networking opportunity.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion** to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 8, 2019 by Preston, second Soha, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the payroll checks 36812 through 36826 for \$68,918.72, claim checks 36827 through 36860, and EFTs 041119 and 0419 for \$65,467.63 by Soha, second Hillcar, motion carried.

3. Motion to approve the March 2019 Treasurer's Report by Weissenfels, second Soha, motion carried.

4. Vacation of an Undeveloped Easement at 257 Merchant Road

Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing. Lissy Andros stated that as the owner, she is hoping to have the Council's support on this matter.

Mayor Fletcher closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve Ordinance #641 vacating an undeveloped easement at 257 Merchant Road by Soha, second Preston, motion carried.

Council Member Hillcar recommended that for the sake of preserving City access and infrastructure, actions like this not be taken in the future, and hopes that the current building inspector sees the importance of preserving such access and that such oversights will be avoided in the future.

5. Declaration of Outdoor Storm Debris Burning Period

Attorney/Planner Fleck reported that 37 burn permit applications had been received and sent to Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA). A map of application addresses, which will be used to allocate burn times if necessary, will be available within the next few days.

Motion to declare an outdoor storm debris burning period of May 15 through 23 and May 28 through June 11, 2019 pursuant to Ordinance #555 by Hillcar, second Brager, motion carried.

6. Appointment of Representative to Clallam County Homelessness Task Force

The Homelessness Task Force includes a City Government Representative that rotates between Port Angeles, Forks, and Sequim. The City of Port Angeles is next to be represented in the rotation, and the City of Port Angeles has recommended the appointment of Council Member Michael French.

Motion to approve the appointment of Port Angeles City Council Member Michael French as the City Government Representative to the Clallam County Homelessness Task Force by Preston, second Hillcar, motion carried.

7. Motion to set a public hearing date of May 28, 2019 for the Folkner annexation proceedings by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 1st Quarter 2019 Reports: First quarter Jail statistics were reviewed.

2. Council Member Reports

Council Member Brager noted that a council position will be opening up, and reminded everyone that the filing period will be May 13 through 17.

Council Member Soha announced the birth of his first son on his due date of April 15, 2019.

Council Member Hillcar announced the passing of Doug Moulton on Thursday. He then mentioned rumors that the bridge over the Sol Duc river on the Quillayute Prairie road may be closed, possibly indefinitely, due to damage and encouraged everyone to contact Bill Peach and other County Commissioners with the hope of preventing an extended or even permanent closure of that bridge. That access to the Quillayute Prairie and Quillayute Airport must be secured.

Council Member Weissenfels reported that she has been busy with Clallam Transit. She had an interview with the Clarity Consultant on April 16, a regular meeting and an Operations and Maintenance Committee meeting on April 17.

3. Staff Reports

Attorney/Planner Fleck reported filling in as a conflict attorney for the Clallam County Prosecutor's office in Port Angeles. He participated in an interview with a head-hunting consultant regarding the Economic Development Council (EDC) executive position and the history of that position, as well as a DNR meeting on Tuesday, April 16. He also reported that the FHS drama club hosted the RAC's first theatrical performance for an audience of about 70 people. The event was led by students, decorated by students, lighted by students, and performed by students who found the building very easy to use for theatrical performances. After the performance, the students had everything put away and set up for the River and Ocean Film Festival later that evening within about an hour and a half. During the week of April 22, the RAC will host a DNR science conference, a grant-funding luncheon, and Rainfest events. The RAC has been rented for most weekends through Labor Day. He will be participating in a broadband discussion with Senator Patty Murray on April 23, and attending a meeting of the Board for Judicial Administration's Court Security Task Force to which he has been appointed in SeaTac, and attending a Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys conference in Vancouver.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fletcher attended the AViCW conference in Omak where he served as tour bus driver and sat in on presentations from different Chamber groups. He picked up the light poles for the flag at Tillicum Park on Friday. Those poles were installed on Saturday, and lights were hung and wired today. The permit should be approved tomorrow, and the Garrison Flag dedication will be on April 27 at 11:00 a.m.

5. Executive Session was called from 8:15 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. to discuss potential litigation regarding natural resources. Mayor Fletcher called the meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m. No action was taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Weissenfels, second Hillcar, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Ginger Simons, Deputy Clerk



Tim Fletcher, Mayor