

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
February 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Monohon. Council Member Hinchel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Breidenbach, Brager, Hinchel (telephonically), Hillcar, Weissenfels and Mayor Monohon. Staff present: Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Bart, Police Administrator and Zellar, Public Works Director.

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Monohon stated that Executive Session will be held for approximately 25 minutes to consider the purchase of real estate, with possible action expected. He also requested that Gary Grahn's Fisheries Report be placed after general public comment.

Motion to approve the agenda with the revisions as stated by Weissenfels, second Brager, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tammy Leask stated she is here to follow-up on the issue of speeding in Robin Hood Loop. Public Works Director Zellar presented information regarding different types of speed bumps. Bernice Ellis questioned whether or not the stop signs would be reinstated. Mayor Monohon stated that a date has not been discussed, but the signs would be reinstated.

Bob Kratzer, announced that a new organization, The Northwest Olympic Peninsula Sport Fishing Coalition has been formed. The group consists of fishing guides, businesses impacted by sport fishing and other interested parties. The coalition was formed due to concern over actions taken by Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) which have adversely impacted hatchery programs and fishing stock. They will be hosting a special viewing of the movie "Hatchery and Wild" on March 7th at 6:30 pm in the Forks High School Commons. He thanked Council for their support of the movie with Lodging Tax funds. He encouraged all to attend and to take the fight to our state legislators.

Bill Meyer, a local fishing guide reported that a meeting was held with WDFW to discuss the Bogachiel broodstock program. The summer Coho stock has been greatly reduced, which has a huge impact on the local economy. WDFW is currently forming a plan for the Bogachiel facility. He also thanked Council for helping to support the "Hatchery and Wild" movie. Discussion ensued regarding the science of hatchery versus wild fish.

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director said that Gary Grahn and Bob Kratzer will be scheduled for a Chamber program. She also stated that Business After Hours will be held at the Olympic Natural Resource Center this Wednesday.

Janet Hughes encouraged Council to enact a business license requirement. She stated that it would allow the City to track sales tax, form a data base, protect the community from transient businesses and compile emergency contact information. Council Member Breidenbach requested that she submit her comments in written form.

Mayor Monohon directed Council to letters submitted regarding the business license issue. A letter from Don Grafstrom expressed opposition to a business license and a letter from West End Business & Professional Association (WEB&PA) stated that they are neither in favor, nor opposed to establishing a business license. Vern Hestand, WEB&PA President was present and stated that fact-finding is needed before they form an opinion.

Gary Grahn submitted a fisheries report listing important meetings and events. Information will be gathered for WDFW meetings in Olympia, which will then go to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) in Sacramento. He will be attending the PFMC meeting, providing input and monitoring actions.

Janet Hughes stated that she would like the Rainforest Arts Center to have a generator.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 27, 2014 by Breidenbach, second Brager, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the claim checks numbered 30037 to 30086 for \$205,547.55 and payroll checks numbered 30021 to 30036 for \$66,373.88 by Breidenbach, second Brager, motion carried 4-0 with Hinchey abstaining.

3. Motion to approve the December 2013 Treasurer's Report by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

4. Washington State Department of Transportation (DOT) Bridge Inspection Agreement
Public Works Director Zellar explained that the Russell Road box-culvert meets the definition of a bridge and will now require a bi-annual inspection. He presented the DOT inspection agreement and recommended contracting with the State for this service.

Motion to authorize the Mayor and staff to enter into a Bridge Inspection Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Russell Road box-culvert by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried 4-1 with Breidenbach against.

5. City of Forks Resolution #429 regarding the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) Hunting Co-Management Agreement

Attorney/Planner Fleck presented Resolution #429 which addresses the lack of due process for both tribal and non-tribal hunters in entering into a hunting co-management agreement with three additional tribes for local game management areas.

Motion to approve Resolution #429 regarding the WDFW Hunting Co-Management Agreement with Treaty Tribes within the Sol Duc, Dickey and Pysht Game Management Units by Brager, second Hillcar, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Rainforest Art Center (RAC) Project

Attorney/Planner Fleck updated Council regarding the RAC Project. Bid specifications are expected to be complete this Friday. The bid due date is March 18th with a Council award expected on March 24th. Groundbreaking is scheduled for April 19th to coincide with Rainfest.

2. City of Forks Business License

Mayor Monohon reviewed his research on which cities do not have business licenses, and what the standard fee is for those with a license. Discussion ensued regarding the application process, the objectives behind establishing a business license and how the ordinance would be enforced. More discussion will be scheduled at the next meeting.

3. Draft Code Chapter 6.06 Animals

Discussion was held regarding the definition of "under control" and the possible need for an "off-leash" area. Further input is needed.

4. Council Member Reports

Council Member Hinchen expressed appreciation for a job well done on the fisheries reports given earlier.

Council Member Hillcar shared information about the Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service. Several communities partnered with Spokane County for animal control issues and suggested that we explore a contractual agreement with Clallam County.

5. Staff Reports

Police Administrator Bart reported that Officer Gentry is recovering at home. He thanked the Lions Club for installing a wheelchair ramp at Gentry's home.

Attorney/Planner Fleck attended a Small Business Development Council meeting which focused on re-advertising their services to businesses with fewer than 500 employees. He also attended a meeting with NAC Architecture and Forks Community Hospital staff regarding the hospital renovation project. He reported that the Clallam County Economic Development Council is looking for an interim executive director.

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Monohon reported that he delivered his state of the city speech to the Chamber of Commerce on January 29th.

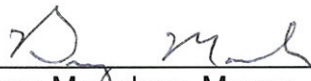
7. Executive Session was called at 9:43 p.m. until 10:08 p.m. to consider the purchase of real estate.

After a check of the parking lot, Mayor Monohon called the meeting back to order at 10:08 p.m.

Motion to authorize Mayor and staff to enter into negotiations for the purchase of property to address stormwater drainage within the City of Forks by Hillcar, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Hinchey, second Breidenbach, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.



Bryon Monohon, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer