

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session  
City Council Chambers  
August 28, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Monohon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director reported that Forever Twilight in Forks festival preparations are moving along. They have several actors hired, which has boosted ticket sales. She also stated that she would like City Council to continue exploring lowering the speed limits incrementally (50 to 40 to 30) at the entrances to town. She said the welcome signs and the addition of the Olympic Discovery Trail warrant the revision.

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom stated for the record that correspondence received from the Navy was distributed to Council Members. The correspondence is a notice of intent regarding environmental impact for northwest training and testing.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Motion** to approve minutes of the Special Meeting and Regular Meeting held August 14, 2017 by Ayers, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

**2. Motion** to approve the manual claim check numbered 34744 for \$6,782.16, payroll checks numbered 34745 through 34766 for \$72,513.48 and claim checks numbered 34767 through 34800 for \$41,046.36 by Weissenfels, second Brager, motion carried 3-0 with Ayers abstaining.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Council Member Reports**

**Council Member Preston** just returned from traveling over 2,700 miles and was able to observe the eclipse in totality. He noted that Pendleton, Oregon has a wonderful downtown.

**Council Member Ayers** stated that he is still waiting on the packets for the interviewees and he is still waiting on the details on the ICN building restrictions.

**Council Member Weissenfels** attended the Clallam Transit System board meeting today. The bus will not run from Port Angeles to Forks during the upcoming four-hour closures of Highway 101 at Lake Crescent. They are publishing notifications. She reported that Kevin Gallacci was hired as the new general manager.

Council Member Weissenfels stated her opposition to the Navy testing sonar in the National Marine Sanctuary.

She also asked that when a dog is placed in the shelter, the Police Officer call Friends of Forks Animals and not post the information online.

## **2. Staff Reports**

**Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom** stated that the application for Transportation Improvement Board funding for Elderberry Street improvements was submitted August 18<sup>th</sup>. The Emergency Repairs project is complete and has been billed to TIB. The initial meeting for the Water Comprehensive Plan was held August 18<sup>th</sup> with the engineers and staff, which included a tour of facilities. A well report was included in the packets. It indicates that levels are similar to last year at this same time. The staff recommendation is to continue with voluntary water restrictions.

**Police Administrator Bart** reported that the United Way Day of Caring will be held tomorrow with projects at Concerned Citizens. The department has been dealing with a lot of drug issues. They currently have one officer out.

Council Member Preston stated that a new ranger was hired for Lake Crescent and more patrolling will take place.

**Attorney/Planner Fleck** reported that on August 15<sup>th</sup> he met with Congressman Kilmer and Mike Egan, Director of Government Affairs with Microsoft. Mr. Egan is working on Microsoft's rural broadband initiative. The project takes television white space and makes it available for broadband. Congressman Kilmer is encouraging Forks to work with Microsoft, since we did so in a similar manner when the ICN building was established.

The Planning Commission is in the final stages of a proposed ordinance on vacation rentals, changing them to be permitted outright and avoid a special use permit. He attended the Board of Natural Resources meeting in Cathlamet. The Board has directed staff to use 702 MBF as the arrearage number. They are still considering marbled murrelet options. He will attend a meeting this Wednesday with Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz and about 40 other people to discuss addressing the economic impact associated with the marbled murrelet strategy and different means for providing tax revenue for county and local jurisdictions. He also reported that staffers

for Clallam County and the Cities met to draft a rewrite for affordable housing in the countywide comprehensive plan.


### **3. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Monohon was able to speak with Congressman Kilmer briefly during a chance meeting in Bremerton last week. The police survey was distributed three weeks ago and one has been returned. He will request additional surveys before reporting on the information. Also, he stated his concern for the difficulty in driving around Lake Crescent with no visible lines. Council Member Preston stated he would relay that concern.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn by Weissenfels, second Preston, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
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Bryon Monohon, Mayor

  
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Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer