

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
September 24, 2018 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

Dave Williams with Forks Calvary Chapel led the invocation. Public Works Director Hampton led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Fletcher then called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Hopkins stated he was in Forks helping with the Friday dinner at the Forever Twilight in Forks Festival. He said it was evident that it took a huge amount of planning and many volunteer hours and he was very impressed with how the city came together to put on such a big event.

Lissy Andros, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director reported on the Forever Twilight in Forks Festival. They've had positive feedback from the majority of attendees, many of whom have booked their hotel for next year. Some fans are staying one to two weeks for the festival. She thanked the volunteers and the City for all their support.

Clint Beyer stated that he is coordinating a defensive firearms class and would like to hold it at the City's shooting range. The class would boost lodging income, as many attendees of the two-day class would be from out of town. He hopes to hold it on a recurring basis. The course teaches firearm law, use of force, and defensive tactics.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 10, 2018 by Preston, second Soha, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the manual claim check numbered 36076 for \$1,364.12, payroll checks 36077 through 36090 for \$60,720.52, and claim checks numbered 36091 through 36125, 090718, and 0918 for \$85,077.27 by Soha, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

3. Motion to approve the August 2018 Treasurer's Report by Soha, second Preston, motion carried.

4. Childhood Cancer Awareness Proclamation

Mayor Fletcher presented a proclamation declaring September 2018 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in support of children and families impacted by a cancer diagnosis.

Motion to approve the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation by Preston, second Soha, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Council Member Reports

Council Member Soha attended a few of the FTF festival events with his wife.

Council Member Hillcar noted that our street drainage appeared to handle the recent heavy rainfall well.

Council Member Weissenfels stated she was glad to be home after recuperating out of town from a long illness.

2. Staff Reports

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom reported the results of the rebid for the water reservoir project. The apparent low bid came in approximately \$274,000 lower than the first bid results. Gray & Osborne is currently conducting the bidder verification process.

Public Works Director Hampton stated that the City received a special recognition award from the Department of Ecology for 10 consecutive years of outstanding performance for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He also stated that concrete for the sidewalk project is scheduled to be poured on Wednesday. Then the remainder of the paving will take place. Next week he and Mike Hirsch will attend building inspector certification training and testing.

Police Chief Rowley reported that FPD is actively working on some significant cases that he'll be able to talk more about in the future. He spoke in support of using the City's range for the firearms class, since some of our police officers could participate in the class. He also reported that Officer Kempster will attend ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training at the Forks High School this week.

Attorney/Planner Fleck attended an attorney's crime laboratory fundamentals course at the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab. He has been asked to give a presentation to WSP on genealogical research for staff to apply to their use of DNA evidence. We will have police officers going to the crime lab course in October. Nerissa Davis will also attend the ALICE training hosted by QVSD. Other meetings and events he participated in included an Emerald Coast Opportunity Zone meeting, volunteering at the FTF Festival, and a three-day workshop with the Nature Conservancy regarding economics, ecological needs and community development. He also reported that the 18-space RV park conditional use permit was approved by the Planning Commission.

He reviewed information regarding the Gold Star Memorial that the local VFW Post would like to install at the Transit Center. They have started fundraising for the monument, which would be one of only two in Washington State.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fletcher stated that he volunteered for the FTF Festival at two evening events. He met a number of fans from various places such as Sydney, London, and the East Coast. He noted two recent cleanup projects – mowing at the radio station (which he mowed in August and then the owner hired someone to mow) and demolition of the burned out house on Calawah Way.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Preston, second Weissenfels, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer



Tim Fletcher, Mayor