

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Special Session
City Council Chambers
500 East Division Street
December 2, 2019
7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance, then called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

2020 Budget Hearing

Mayor Fletcher opened the 2020 Budget Hearing. No public comments were received. Mayor Fletcher closed the 2020 Budget Hearing.

2020 Budget Workshop

There was a lengthy discussion regarding vehicle leasing for public works. Council Member Hillcar questions whether leasing is the best route to take, given the limited wear and tear on public works vehicles. Council Member Weissenfels suggests taking on the five-year lease of four vehicles, and paying one off each year. A representative from Enterprise Fleet Management will be scheduled to give a presentation to council.

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom distributed new and replacement pages to the budget notebooks. The general fund was revised to include a Risk Management Service Agency (RMSA) grant to be used for netting at the ballfields. The street fund was revised to reflect recent announcements by the Transportation Improvement Board. The City's application for Spartan Avenue Sidewalks was approved, but the Calawah Way grind and overlay project was not approved. The donation fund has new totals for the pickleball court. The infrastructure fund was revised to include the Department of Ecology grant for development of the Campbell Pit well. The lodging tax fund now reflects full funding for all the applicants, as discussed at the November 25 budget workshop. The Mayor's salary recommendations for 2020 were also distributed.


Council Member Brager pointed out that funding for law enforcement and corrections is down slightly in terms of general fund percentages from the 2019 budget. Discussion ensued regarding police department staffing and budgeting. Union negotiations are still in progress and the contract has not been finalized. There is some flexibility in the general fund budget to allow for additional expense in police staffing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Soha, second Weissenfels, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer



Tim Fletcher, Mayor