

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Special Session  
City Council Chambers  
500 East Division Street  
December 6, 2021  
7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Budget Workshop was called to order at 7:30 p.m by Mayor Fletcher, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: Hillcar, Soha [arrived at 7:36 p.m.], Gingell, Gilstrap, and Mayor Fletcher. Absent: Weissenfels. Staff present: Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Rowley, Police Chief, and Hampton, Public Works Director.

**Final 2022 Budget Hearing**

Mayor Fletcher opened the final 2022 Budget Hearing. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Fletcher closed the budget hearing.

**2022 Budget Workshop**

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom guided Council through a review of changes to the original proposed 2022 budget. Changes to the proposed budget include removal of the Calawah Way Grind & Overlay project as the City's request for funding from the Transportation Improvement Board was denied, and allocation of an additional \$20,000 from the General Fund beginning fund balance for jail renovations for a total increase of \$40,000 from the original proposal. The additional \$20,000 is necessary for improvements to the City Hall/Jail fire alarm system. A new public works position is included in the proposed budget. The position would be expensed to streets, water, sewer, and airport.

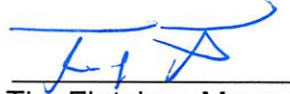
One of the Mayor's recommendations regarding allocation of lodging tax funds was modified with an increase from the previous recommendation of \$11,000 to \$16,000 for the Rain of Terror Haunted House. Council Member Hillcar reiterated his suggestion that the Mayor's recommendation for the Forever Twilight in Forks Collection be reduced from the requested \$15,000 to the \$14,000 awarded for the past two years. Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom reviewed current lodging tax receipts, which have continued to be at all-time highs. She also distributed attendance demographics for the Rain of Terror Haunted House and current Visitor Center numbers.

**Motion** of the workgroup to maintain a \$14,000 lodging tax allocation for the FTF Collection by Hillcar, second Soha, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom then reviewed salary increases for non-union employees recommended for 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn by Gingell, second Gilstrap, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



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Tim Fletcher, Mayor



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Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer