

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
December 13, 2021 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Council Member elect Clint Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Fletcher then called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Gingell, Soha, Hillcar, Weissenfels (present via Zoom), and Mayor Fletcher. Absent: Gilstrap. Staff present: Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Rowley, Police Chief (present via Zoom), and Hampton, Public Works Director.

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fletcher stated that an executive session is needed to discuss current or potential litigation and to discuss legal risks of current or proposed action. The executive session will be for 30 minutes and there may be action afterwards.

Motion to approve the agenda as modified by Hillcar, second Gingell, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting and Special Meeting held November 22, 2021, and the Special Meeting held December 6, 2021 by Gingell, second Hillcar, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve payroll checks numbered 40089 through 40104 in the amount of \$116,585.67, claim checks numbered 40105 through 40139 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$116,515.76, November CPL EFTs in the amount of \$162.00, and travel check numbered 3603 in the amount of \$59.25 by Soha, second Hillcar, motion carried.

3. Motion to approve Ordinance #657 approving and adopting the budget for fiscal year 2022 as presented by Hillcar, second Gingell, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Council Member Reports

Council Member Weissenfels reported she will attend the December 15 Clallam Transit Board meeting, road conditions permitting. She then said she was sorry to have missed the December 6 Special Meeting where the dispersal of lodging tax funds was decided. Had she been there, she would have recommended that funds be dispersed as requested by applicants, as was done last year in response to COVID-19 restrictions and shut-

downs. She then said that these organizations will be rebuilding in 2022 and in need of the funds they have requested.

Council Member Hillcar congratulated Clint Wood on his election to the City Council. He also said he was glad to see the larger speed trailer set up at the north end of town, and that it seems to be quite effective.

Council Member Gingell also congratulated Clint Wood.

2. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Hampton reported that two new main meters will be installed at Control Houses 1 and 2.

Police Chief Rowley said the school had locked down on Friday, December 17 due to bad decisions made by a few students at the high school. He commended the school for their swift and effective response.

Attorney/Planner Fleck said he had spent most of the past two weeks dealing with flood paperwork. He also said that Hillary Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands would like to look at another “big trees” proposal, discussion of which is likely to go on for some time and end with significant impact on our area. He also said four trust timber sales in the Olympic region, two of which represent about 30% of Clallam County’s total volume, have been delayed, and Department of Natural Resources litigation is ongoing. A brief discussion of the state of our local timber industry ensued.

3. Mayor’s Report

Mayor Fletcher reported having been a judge for the Festival of Trees and participating in the annual Twinkle Light parade. He expressed his appreciation to the members of the community who volunteered to fill sandbags during the November flood event, and would like to establish some mechanism of the EOC that could be used to draw on additional assistance and resources from the community. He suggested a phone tree of those willing to volunteer in emergencies. He thanked Team Rubicon and the Washington Conservation Corps for offering our community hope and reassurance after the flood.

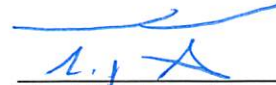
He then expressed our community’s need for the National Forest Service to keep the West Twin Road maintained for use when Highway 101 becomes impassable due to slides on Lake Crescent, which will happen again, or around the Elwha Bridge, which will certainly wash out if not repaired in the near future.

4. Executive Session was called from 7:55 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. regarding current or potential litigation and regarding legal risks of current or proposed action. Action is expected afterward.

Motion to affirm that the City will continue, at the present time, to comport itself within the terms of its existing lease agreements. Requests and proposals will be reviewed within this light now and in the weeks ahead by Hillcar, second Soha, motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Hillcar, second Soha, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Tim Fletcher, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer