

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session  
City Council Chambers  
April 25, 2022 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Fletcher asked that the agenda be modified to include an Executive Session of 5 minutes to discuss current or potential litigation. No action is expected.

**Motion** to approve the agenda as modified by Gilstrap, second Wood, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Charles Evans and Colleen Leavitt, 381 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Bill Bond, 321 D St. spoke about the ongoing drug-related activities and garbage at 380 Bogachiel Way.

Mr. Evans said he had found and picked up a small blue pill wrapped in aluminum foil from his yard before his great granddaughter could put it in her mouth. He also said the school bus stop for the area is less than 150 ft. from the front door of the residence.

Mr. Bonds asked what neighbors could do to help law enforcement with the issues at 380 Bogachiel Way. Mayor Fletcher and Chief Rowley suggested they take pictures and write down the license plate numbers of visitors to the residents.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Fletcher read the proclamation declaring May 1–7, 2022 Youth Week in the City of Forks, reaffirming the City's dedication, in conjunction with Forks Elks Lodge 2524, to the youth of our community.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Motion** to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 11, 2022 by Wood, second Soha, motion carried.

**2. Motion** to approve payroll checks numbered 40533 through 40546 in the amount of \$76,960.79, and claim checks numbered 40547 through 40586 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$137,821.86 by Soha, second Gilstrap, motion carried.

### 3. March 2022 Treasurer's Report

**Motion** to approve the March 2022 Treasurer's Report by Soha, second Gilstrap, motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. License for Use of City Property Granted to Bicycle Rides Northwest**

Attorney/Planner Fleck directed Council to the License for Use of City Property in their notebooks and updated Council on Bicycle Rides Northwest's license to "camp" on and near the ball fields at Tillicum Park July 12–14. Some issues have yet to be resolved as they still need power and water. The group will be paying \$1,200 for their license to use the park and will be asking, and paying, one or more local groups to assist them with some of their logistics, including transporting belongings. The 2023 senior parents have been suggested. They will also make a donation to a local charity—they seem to have the food bank in mind, and host a concert featuring The Richwine Road Band in the park that will be open to the community.

### **2. Council Member Reports**

**Council Member Weissenfels** reported having attended the ribbon cutting for Hobucket House, and asked about the setting aside of 10,000 acres of trust land to lease to carbon producers discussed at the previous meeting. The Mayor, Council, and staff all indicated confusion at how this could happen. Attorney/Planner Fleck said that many in the State legislature are asking similar questions, suggesting Commissioner of Public Lands Hillary Franz may have overstepped. Some discussion ensued.

**Council Member Wood** reported that American Legion Post 0106 has ordered lights for the Gold Star Memorial and donated funds to the Sportsman's Club.

### **3. Staff Reports**

**Attorney/Planner Fleck** reported having attended a presentation by the University of Washington to a class on forest policy taught by Dr. Dan Brown, Professor and Director, Environmental and Forest Sciences who also sits on the Board of Natural Resources. He said he responded to questions from the students regarding trust lands and beneficiaries, corrected some comments by other participants, and offered suggestions about how things might be better handled. He thought the discussion went very well.

### **4. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Fletcher said that he also attended the Hobucket House ribbon cutting, and that he thought it a nice addition to his neighborhood. He said the builder of the house is located in the Bremerton area, but uses lumbered milled on the east side of the county. 90% of that timber comes from the West End. He said he's glad to see it come back to us in the form of this new residence for veterans.

**5. Executive Session** was called from 8:13 to 1:18 to discuss current or potential litigation. No action was taken.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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



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Tim Fletcher, Mayor



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Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer