

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
August 22, 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: Gingell, Soha, Wood, Weissenfels, and Mayor Fletcher. Absent: Gilstrap. Staff present: Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Rowley, Police Chief, and Hampton, Public Works Director.

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fletcher asked that renewal of Rain of Terror's lease of the hanger at the Quillayute Airport for the 2022 haunted house be added to the agenda as an action item.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce said the theater curtain purchased with a grant from the Clallam County Lodging Tax Advisory Council has been installed at the Rainforest Arts Center and that a cabinet to hold it will soon be built. She also shared with Council a schedule of events for the Forever Twilight in Forks festival to be held September 8 through 11. The event will host 350 Very Important Twilights (VITs) and approximately 400 additional guests. The special guests will be Billy Burke who played Chief Swan, and Maggie Grace who appeared in Breaking Dawn. Finally, she informed Council that Chamber of Commerce members will no longer be meeting 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. weekly September through May or June. Instead, they will meet the last Wednesday in September, and then 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays October through May.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 8, 2022 by Wood, second Gingell, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve payroll checks numbered 40914 through 40927 in the amount of \$74,400.45, and claim checks numbered 40928 through 40961 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$172,742.70 by Weissenfels, second Wood, motion carried.

3. Transfer Custody of M56 Series Scorpion from VFW to City of Forks

Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom explained that with the closure of VFW Post 9106, custody of the Scorpion displayed at Tillicum Park must be transferred to another entity. The U.S. Army contacted the City on August 17 regarding the matter, at which time Clerk/Treasurer Grafstrom told them the City would definitely like to keep it. The first step in transferring custody to the City is a motion to do so by the legislative body.

Motion for the City to accept custody of the Self-Propelled Gun, M56 series Scorpion owned by the U.S. Army and conditionally issued and on display in Tillicum Park, or otherwise within the City of Forks, and to be responsible for the maintenance and security of the equipment by Soha, second Wood, motion carried.

4. 2023 to 2028 Six-Year Street Plan

Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Fletcher closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve Resolution #506 adopting the 2023 to 2028 Six-Year Street Plan by Gingell, second Soha, motion carried.

5. Rain of Terror License Agreement

Motion to authorize the Mayor and staff to renew Rain of Terror's lease of the hangar at the Quillayute Airport for the 2022 haunted house by Weissenfels, second Wood, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Council Member Reports

Council Member Weissenfels said the Harvest Dinner will be held on October 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She then reported that Clallam Transit will now allow children under six years old to ride the bus unaccompanied by an adult, which led to some discussion. Anyone aged 18 or under may ride the bus for free. She also reported that micro transit vans, ordered especially for use in Forks, will be delivered before the end of the year, Clallam Transit will provide student transportation to and from the new school in La Push, there is a new bus shelter at Forks Outfitters, and the shelter at Elk Creek has been replaced.

Council Member Wood thanked Paul for his quick response in dealing with a tree near the hospital that was struck by lightning in the early hours of August 19.

2. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Hampton said he's been making preparations for his crew to begin cleaning ditches and culverts.

Police Chief Rowley thanked Randy McAvoy and his son, as well as Paul Hampton and the public works crew for their work installing the lights donated by American Legion Post 106 at the Gold Star Memorial. He said he continues to look for staff.

Attorney/Planner Fleck informed Council that the Army will have helicopters using the north-south runway at Quillayute Airport for survival training activities at end of September/first week of October. He will notify Council of exact dates at a later time. He then reported a visit to the high school by the Board of Natural Resources as part of a tour. He said QVSD superintendent Diana Reaume gave a presentation on the importance of timber dollars to the school, pointing out that they were paying for the new

stadium, which seemed to resonate with everyone. Both he and Reaume were able to speak with Board members about the importance of timber dollars to, and the jobs created by DNR timber lands in, our community.

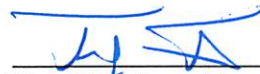
He then said he had participated in meetings with FEMA the previous week, but still did not have the go-ahead on flood-related projects. Some discussion occurred. Finally, he said he would not be at the September 12 Council meeting.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fletcher said he's had much more free time lately and has been spending that time out in the community attending local business meetings and speaking directly with various individuals on a number of issues to ensure people know what is happening at City Hall and in City Council meetings.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Tim Fletcher, Mayor



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer