

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session  
City Council Chambers  
December 12, 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 7:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: Weissenfels, Wood, Soha, Gingell, Echeita, and Mayor Fletcher. Staff present: Simons, Deputy Clerk, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Rowley, Police Chief, and Hampton, Public Works Director.

**MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Fletcher asked that the agenda be modified to move action item number 2, "2023 City of Forks Budget", to the December 27 meeting.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce thanked the Public Works crew for putting up barricades for the Twinkle Light parade and the Polar Express movie event. She said turnout for both events was good. She then reminded Council the next Chamber meeting would be held December 21, and said Troi Gale from North Olympic Library System and Heidi Anderson from Forks Community Hospital will speak and there will be an ugly sweater contest with prizes. Finally, she thanked the Mayor and Council for approving full funding of the Chamber's lodging tax requests.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Motion** to approve manual claim check number 41264 in the amount of \$11,016.86, payroll checks numbered 41265 through 41280 in the amount of \$125,459.78, and claim checks numbered 41281 through 41315 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$59,109.35 by Weissenfels, second Wood, motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Council Member Reports**

**Council Member Weissenfels** reported having spent Saturday at Forks Outfitters collecting receipts and donations for Friends of Forks Animals. She said they drew for their raffle basket, which was won by Annie Crippen Foster.

**Council Member Wood** said the American Legion had its annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday. Roughly 45 people came for the dinner, and the winner of their rifle raffle was Dave Demorest.

**Council Member Soha** reported the opening of a new Department of Licensing office on Cedar Ave. The office will be open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Fridays.

**Council Member Echeita** said he and his family attended the Cherish Our Children auction in La Push this past Saturday. He said organizers were pleased to have earned more than expected through the online portion of the auction.

## **2. Staff Reports**

**Public Works Director Hampton** reported meeting with Parametrics, the consultants for the wastewater treatment plant improvements. He said they are close to having cost estimates, but with costs much higher than expected, the City will be unable to purchase everything included in the original proposal. He said the secondary clarifier is the priority, but we have to fulfill all requirements associated with the funds.

**Police Chief Rowley** reported a large number of accidents due to combinations of icy roads and operator error, issues with communications with the County, and an increase in package thefts and car prowls. He asked everyone to be cautious driving and with their possessions.

**Attorney/Planner Fleck** said City staff had met with Quillayute Airport Master Plan consultants, and that the meeting went well. He reported also having attended a Board of Natural Resources meeting, where the Board voted not to adopt the terms of the settlement in one of the lawsuits in which we are involved that were agreed upon in June. He said no one knows what happened. He also reported having been an auctioneer at both the Festival of Trees and Cherish Our Children, where nearly \$16,000 was raised.

## **3. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Fletcher said he was a judge at the first live Festival of Trees since the COVID pandemic and attended Breakfast with Santa, where he had his picture taken with Santa.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn by Soha, second Wood, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

  
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Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Tim Fletcher, Mayor