

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
March 13, 2023 7:30 p.m.

0:05 **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.

0:35 **ROLL CALL**

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1:15 **Motion** to approve the agenda as presented by Gingell, second Echeita, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1:38 Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce informed Council that David Hurn and some FHS seniors will talk about the upcoming Quillayute Valley Scholarship Auction, Andros will explain how the Forever Twilight in Forks Equinox event is tied to the Auction, and three representatives from the National Forest Service will speak about improvements the Forest Service wants to make to local recreational areas at its March 15 meeting. She ended by highlighting upcoming community events, including Rainfest.

ACTION ITEMS

4:36 **1. Motion** to approve minutes of the Special Meeting held November 28, 2022, with the corrected date, by Soha, second Wood, motion carried.

4:55 **2. Motion** to approve travel checks 3623 through 3624 in the amount of \$292.00, payroll checks 41579 through 41594 in the amount of \$114,174.75, and claim checks numbered 41595 through 41622 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$61,797.12 by Wood, second Soha, motion carried.

5:48 **3. Approval of New West End Thunder Racing Lease**

Motion to authorize the Mayor and staff to execute the new West End Thunder racing lease for Forks Municipal Airport by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Council Member Reports

10:10 **Council Member Soha** reported some issues with the Rainforest Arts Center after having attended a private event there.

11:41 **Council Member Echeita** said he is busy preparing for the Quillayute Valley Scholarship Auction.

2. Staff Reports

12:20 **Clerk Treasurer DePew** introduced herself to Council, and said she is happy to be working at the City again.

12:40 **Police Chief Rowley** reported that for the first time in a long time, all patrol positions are filled. He also said two individuals are in the processing stage for corrections positions.


14:07 **Attorney/Planner Fleck** reported that a bill related to Trust lands had been radically changed, and that he would likely be involved in finding ways to rewrite it.

3. Mayor's Report

14:58 Mayor Fletcher reported having attended a Homelessness Task Force meeting and the Clallam County Economic Development Gala.

17:03 **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer



Tim Fletcher, Mayor