

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
May 8, 2023 7:30 p.m.

0:38 **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.

1:05 **ROLL CALL**

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1:40 **Motion** to approve the agenda as presented by Gingell, second Wood, motion carried.

45:59 **Motion** to amend the agenda to include Ordinance No. 663 authorizing an interfund loan from the Current Expense Fund to the Street Fund by Weissenfels, second Soha, motion carried.

3:00 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce reiterated her request for Council to start another discussion about reducing the speed limits north and south of town.

ACTION ITEMS

4:10 **1. Motion** to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 9, 2023 by Weissenfels, second Wood, motion carried.

7:13 **2. Motion** to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 23, 2023 by Weissenfels, second Wood, motion carried.

7:33 **3. Motion** to approve manual check 41763 in the amount of \$12,691.36, payroll checks 41764 through 41780 in the total amount of \$132,437.49, claim checks numbered 41781 through 41816 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$193,152.81, and travel checks 3632 through 3636 in the total amount of \$672.36 by Gingell, second Echeita, motion carried.

9:35 **4. VB BTS II, LLC Lease of a Portion of the Campbell Pit Property**

Attorney/Planner Fleck reviewed the proposed project and agreement, and representatives from VB BTS II were present via Zoom to answer questions. A lengthy discussion ensued. Council Member Soha raised several concerns with both the project and the agreement.

31:52 **Motion** to table this matter until the June 12 Regular Meeting to give Council more time to review the project and agreement by Soha, second Wood, motion carried.

5. Ordinance No. 663 Authorizing an Interfund Loan from the Current Expense Fund to the Street Fund

49:56 **Motion** to approve Ordinance No. 663 authorizing a temporary, interest-free interfund loan of \$120,287.91 from the Current Expense Fund to the Street Fund by Soha, second Wood, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

32:28 **1. Update: North of Calawah Water Tank RFQ for Preliminary Design & Costs**
Attorney/Planner Fleck reviewed and provided an update on the status of the first part of the project—preliminary engineering and cost estimates, which will be funded by a very small portion (0.5%) of CARES funds received from the federal government.

2. Council Member Reports

40:10 **Council Member Soha** said the Lions' Club White Cane Day auction was a success, earning between \$8,000 and \$10,000, and there was a huge amount of participation in the kids' fishing derby.

3. Staff Reports

41:55 **Clerk/Treasurer DePew** introduced proposed Ordinance No. 663 for action.

50:52 **Public Works Director Hampton** reported having found a used sweeper truck that Lake Stevens is willing to sell for \$8,500.00, and that bids for the ballfield project have been received. He expects the project to go to 2 Grade LLC out of Port Angeles, which offered the lowest bid.

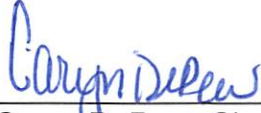
56:47 **Attorney/Planner Fleck** reported having attended the Olympic Experimental State Forest science conference and receiving the Tillicum Award for service to rural communities and the timber industry from the American Forest Resources Council. He said The Nature Conservancy is working with the North Olympic Development Council to offer Forks, Port Angeles, and Sequim grants to evaluate and assess the feasibility of, and possibly install, hydro micro turbines in stormwater and irrigation streams that would generate power.

1:00:10 **4. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Fletcher said he would include discussion of speed limits on the agenda for the May 22 Regular Meeting, and that he hopes a hydro micro turbine installed in our stormwater stream could power lighting for the proposed trail system at Campbell Pit. He reported working with the Lions Club, the American Legion, Clallam Transit, and Attorney/Planner Fleck on moving the Scorpion to the Transit Center.

5. ADJOURNMENT

1:03:25 **Motion** to adjourn by Soha, second Wood, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer



Tim Fletcher, Mayor