

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session  
City Council Chambers  
June 26, 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: Weissenfels, Wood, Soha (arrived 7:48), Echeita, and Mayor Fletcher. Absent: Gingell. Staff present: DePew, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, and Rowley, Police Chief. Absent: Hampton, Public Works Director.

0:55 **MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

1:13 **1. Motion** to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 13, 2023 by Wood, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

1:34 **2. Motion** to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 27, 2023 by Wood, second Echeita, motion carried.

1:58 **3. Motion** to approve manual check 41915 in the amount of \$58.13, payroll checks 41916 through 41929 in the amount of \$80,296.70, and claim checks numbered 41930 through 41973 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$87,469.91 by Wood, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

2:40 **4. Third-party Telecommunications Cell Tower Lease**

Attorney/Planner Fleck introduced Ashli Fuselier, and Cain Sommerville and Kelley Faucheux present via Zoom, from Vertical Bridge for a presentation on the cell tower they propose to place on City property at the former Campbell Pit.

5:18 **a. Presentation by Vertical Bridge**

Ashli from Vertical Bridge presented their proposal for a cell tower at the former Campbell Pit. Discussion followed the presentation.

18:15 **b. Public Hearing**

Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

6:33 Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce asked whether this tower would extend service to La Push. Ashli said it would not.

20:10 Mayor Fletcher closed the public hearing.

- c. Lease**
- 25:08 **Motion** to authorize the Mayor and staff to execute the lease agreement with Vertical Bridge by Weissenfels, second Wood, motion carried 3–1 with Soha against.
- 26:00 **5. Ordinance No. 666 Adopting the “Blake Fix”**  
Attorney/Planner Fleck briefly reviewed the “Blake Fix”, and Chief Rowley presented his thoughts on the new Senate bill. Discussion ensued.
- 33:42 **Motion** to approve Ordinance No. 666 by Weissenfels, second Wood, motion carried.

- 6. Use of City Property for the Forks Old Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**
- 36:00 **Motion** to grant the Forks Old Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee use of Tillicum Park and various City properties for 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities by Wood, second Soha, motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Council Member Reports**
- 36:36 **Council Member Weissenfels** reported having attended the Clallam Transit Board meeting and briefly covered the topics discussed, including the Hurricane Ridge route and alternative fuels.
- 38:22 **Council Member Wood** reminded Council that Legion Riders from American Legion Post 32 in Walla Walla will be visiting our Gold Star Memorial on June 30, and that our American Legion Post 106 will be serving them lunch. He also said the Post 106 will be hosting a breakfast on July 1 and participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
- 2. Staff Reports**
- 39:43 **Clerk/Treasurer DePew** reported having attended the Association of Washington Cities conference in Spokane where she made a lot of contacts and participated in several training sessions that proved to be helpful to her.
- 40:07 **Police Chief Rowley** thanked Council for passing Ordinance No. 666 as it will be beneficial to our community. He said he and his officers are gearing up for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.
- 40:43 **Attorney/Planner Fleck** reported on a variety of activities, including his participation in a Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council meeting where off-shore wind energy was discussed, the interview panel for a new County administrator, and an interview with the Forest Service regarding Klahanie Campground. He reported on actions that pertain to the City such as the DNR filing to have the American Forest Resources Council and City of Forks removed as participants in lawsuits filed in 2021 for lack of standing, and the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife withdrawing a rule that would permanently remove

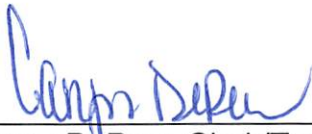
the entire month of April from fishing season. Finally, he notified Council of relevant grants, including \$16.13-million over a 17-year period to engineer a Puget Sound to the Pacific trail, part of which would extend from the Calawah boat launch to Tillicum Park, and another that would fund an assessment for installation of a power-generating hydro turbine at Campbell Pit.

51:38 **3. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Fletcher said the Public Works crew is busy replacing flower planters with flags on light poles downtown, and that he helped Park Board members replace rotten boards on benches in Tillicum Park. He said improvements to the memorial benches would be made after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

53:02 **4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn by Soha, second Wood, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



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Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer



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Tim Fletcher, Mayor