

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session  
City Council Chambers  
July 24, 2023 7:30 p.m.

0:06 **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.

0:34 **ROLL CALL**

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

0:49 **MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Fletcher added the public hearing for the six-year street plan to the agenda.

1:20 **Motion** to approve the agenda as modified by Gingell, second Wood, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1:38 Erin Tumaua, representing Spencer Forest Products said the company still wants to build a mill at the former Allen's Mill, but with different leadership, a new business plan, and a better relationship with the City.

3:11 David Hurn thanked the Mayor, Council, and public works crew for their cooperation with the Forks Lions Club on the ballfields at Tillicum Park. He then reported on the first tournament held on the new fields, work the Lions Club has been and is doing, and minor issues with the fields.

**ACTION ITEMS**

6:38 **1. Motion** to approve payroll checks 42025 through 42039 in the amount of \$90,158.00, and claim checks 42040 through 42027 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$72,404.20 by Wood, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

**2. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Treasurer's Report.**

7:26 Clerk/Treasurer DePew presented the Report.

8:50 **Motion** to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Treasurer's Report by Gingell, second Wood, motion carried.

**3. Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2024-2029**

9:07 **a. Public Hearing**

Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

There were no comments.

Mayor Fletcher closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

**b. Resolution #510 Adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2024-2029**

9:58 **Motion** to approve Resolution #510 Adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2024-2029 by Wood, second Gingell, motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

10:30 **1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023 YTD Reports: Sales & Lodging Tax, Building Permits, Jail Statistics**

Council reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023 Sales & Lodging Tax, Building Permit, and Jail Statistics reports.

17:35 **2. Request for Voluntary Water Conservation Efforts**

Public Works Director Hampton said he thinks requesting voluntary water conservation efforts is a good idea, even though the wells have yet to reach caution levels. Some discussion ensued.

**3. Council Member Reports**

19:13 **Council Member Weissenfels** reported on Clallam Transit activities and the last executive board meeting.

20:55 **Council Member Wood** said the hospital's first Healthy West End meeting was held today.

21:18 **Council Member Soha** reported a large number of construction projects south of town on Highway 101, the Youman's Road shortcut, and in Hoquiam.

23:14 **Council Member Gingell** reported having attended a Clallam County Board of Health meeting.

23:30 **4. Staff Reports**

**Clerk/Treasurer DePew** reported on her recent activities, including training, dealing with a new law affecting utility service, and meetings.

26:07

**Public Works Director Hampton** reported on public works crew activities, including the new ballfields at Tillicum Park and leak repairs.

27:37

**Police Chief Rowley** offered his thoughts on the rising drug use and overdoses in our community and state, and the agencies combatting them, and reported on the activities of some of his officers.

32:28

**Attorney/Planner Fleck** reported on human and financial mental health resources, opportunities available through the Recompete Pilot Program, and a meeting with NOAA regarding the marine sanctuary and Quileute Airport approach. He also introduced an issue with easements through the Oxbow Apartments property to be discussed at the next meeting for later action, and reported that the State of Washington had the City and the American Forest Resources Council dismissed

40:29 from litigation in which we have been involved since October of 2021 because our interests are economic, not environmental.

**5. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Fletcher said he also participated in the Healthy West End meeting, and thought it was a good work session. He also reported working with the Park Board and said he hopes their efforts will draw more sports tourism to Forks.

42:00

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

  
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Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Tim Fletcher, Mayor