

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
August 14, 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, Soha, Gingell, and Echeita. Staff present: DePew, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Rowley, and Police Chief. Absent: Hampton, Public Works Director.

0:43 **MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Fletcher said Council would recess into Executive Session to consider matters regarding potential litigation at the end of the meeting.

1:18 **Motion** to approve the agenda as modified by Wood, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

1:35 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce reported that the Visitor Center has been very busy, and that she feels tensions are high in the City.

ACTION ITEMS

3:03 **1. Motion** to minutes of the April 24, 2023 Regular Meeting by Wood, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

3:26 **2. Motion** to minutes of the May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting by Wood, second Weissenfels, motion carried.

3:46 **3. Motion** to approve manual check 42076 in the amount of \$10,155.59, payroll checks 42077 through 42093 in the total amount of \$134,789.95, claim checks 42094 through 42096, 42105 through 42149, and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$178,219.41, and travel check 3646 in the amount of \$103.46 by Wood, second Gingell, motion carried.

5:03 **4. Stadium Bathroom RCO Grant**

a. Agreement with Quillayute Valley School District

Motion to
b. Bid Update and Acceptance/Approval
9:07

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ordinance No. 667 Amending the 2023 Budget

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

9:58

2. Letter to WSDOT Olympic Region Regarding SR 101/Forks Ave. Speed Limits & Traffic Management

10:30 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.

17:35 3. Visitor Information Center Statistics

4. Oxbow Apartments & City Utility Easement Clarification

5. 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

23:14 **Council Member Soha** reported a large number of construction projects south of town on Highway 101, the Youman's Road shortcut, and in Hoquiam.

23:30 **Council Member Gingell** reported having attended a Clallam County Board of Health meeting.

26:07

6. Staff Reports

27:37 **Clerk/Treasurer DePew** reported on her recent activities, including training, dealing with a new law affecting utility service, and meetings.

32:28

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.

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

42:00

7. 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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



Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer



Tim Fletcher, Mayor