

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

0:04 **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.

0:31 **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

0:52 **Motion** to approve the agenda as presented by Weissenfels, second Wood, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1:11 Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce informed Council of upcoming Chamber meetings and events.

ACTION ITEMS

3:24 **1. Motion** to approve minutes of the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting by Wood, second Gingell, motion carried.

3:48 **2. Motion** to approve minutes of the September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting by Wood, second Gingell, motion carried.

4:11 **3. Motion** to approve manual checks 42385 through 42386 in the amount of \$11,048.95, payroll checks 42387 through 42403 in the amount of \$136,329.93, claim checks 42404 through 42449 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$106,866.18, and travel checks 3655 through 3656 in the amount of \$210.34 by Soha, second Wood, motion carried.

11:12

5:36 **4. 2024 Revenue Sources/Property Taxes**

a. Public Hearing

Clerk/Treasurer DePew introduced the proposed property tax levy and resolution.

7:42 Mayor Fletcher closed the public hearing.

b. Resolution #514 Regarding 2024 Property Tax Levy

7:55 **Motion** to approve Resolution #514 regarding 2024 property tax levy by Weissenfels, second Wood, motion carried 3-2 with Soha and Gingell against.

9:40 **5. 2024 Budget Workshop**

Clerk/Treasurer DePew introduced the public notice of budget hearings and meetings published in the Forks Forum and City of Forks 2024 budgeted revenues by category.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

12:06 **1. RCO Grants Awarded**

Attorney/Planner Fleck reported that the City was awarded State Recreation and Conservation Office grants based on economic hardship, and that the grants would be used for renovations to Tillicum Park restrooms and construction of restrooms at Spartan Stadium.

2. Council Member Reports

14:46 **Council Member Weissenfels** said the November Clallam Transit Board meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum, and that she would be attending the Peninsula Housing Authority's event for new homeowners on Maloney Lane.

3. Staff Reports

15:33 **Clerk/Treasurer DePew** asked if anyone was interested in attending the December 9 Elected Officials workshop. Council Member Gingell said he might attend.

16:50 **Public Works Director Hampton** reported that the wastewater treatment plant's clarifier project has been advertised, and that a request for bids should soon be issued for the Bogachiel Overlay project.

18:14 **Police Chief Rowley** said he participated in the Assembly of God church's Truck or Treat event, which was very successful, receiving around 1,300 people, and that he is still looking for officers.

19:13 **Attorney/Planner Fleck** passed out a letter from the local fishing guide's association to WSDFW; and spoke about a Nature Conservancy grant for developing an electricity-generating turbine using water that flows into Campbell's pit and another grant for the generation and storage of electricity at the Quillayute Airport. He also said he attended former Clerk/Treasurer Dan Leinan's funeral.

21:30 **4. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Fletcher said he's looking forward to the holidays, and time with family and friends.

5. ADJOURNMENT

22:01 **Motion** to adjourn by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.


Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer


Tim Fletcher, Mayor