

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Special Session
City Council Chambers
November 27, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Part 1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER**

0:04 Mayor Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

0:42 **ROLL CALL**

Council members present: Weissenfels, Wood, Gingell, Echeita, and Mayor Fletcher. Absent: Soha. Staff present: DePew, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Rowley, Police Chief [arrived 5:46 p.m.], and Hampton, Public Works Director.

LODGING TAX REQUESTS

1:04 Mayor Fletcher introduced requests for lodging tax funds and their distribution, and asked those requesting funds for comments and answers to Council questions regarding their requests.

9:56 Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce explained Chamber's requests for lodging tax funds.

13:15 Jake from the MTB Trail Alliance spoke about the new group.

14:30 Tom Rosemond spoke about the Timber Museum and their request for lodging tax funds.

19:05 Jeff Bohman spoke on behalf of the Peninsula Trails and its request for lodging tax funds.

22:50 Cindy Mesenbrink spoke on behalf of the Piecemakers quilt club and its request for lodging tax funds.

24:28 Kenneth Turner, Secretary, Raincon Committee spoke on behalf of the group and its request for lodging tax funds.

26:02 Sue Shane spoke on behalf of the Rainforest Council for the Arts and its request for lodging tax funds.

31:29 Bruce Guckenberg spoke on behalf of the West End Business and Professional Association and its request for lodging tax funds.

32:47 Victor Whitehead spoke on behalf of West End Thunder and its request for lodging tax funds.

- 36:04 Attorney/Planner Fleck explained a request from David Hurn, on behalf of the three annual softball tournaments, that was received after the application deadline. The funds would be used to purchase a large number of tournament balls and the trophies and t-shirts given as awards. He said approval of this request lies with Council.
- 39:47 Mayor Fletcher called for a five-minute break.
- 47:32 Meeting resumed with Clerk/Treasurer DePew introducing and explaining revisions to the preliminary 2024 budget.
- 56:35 Attorney/Planner Fleck spoke about grant projects, including the North of Calawah Water Tank project, improvements at the Quillayute Airport, the Quillayute Airport Master Plan Update, the Tillicum Park Ballfield Bathrooms project, and the restroom project at Spartan Stadium.
- 1:04:15 Director of Public Works Hampton spoke about public works budgets.
- 1:05:50 Attorney/Planner Fleck explained the current situation with the sewer system and loans and grants possibly available to achieve the necessary redundancy and to possibly expand the system, noting that the City may have to consider increasing sewer rates in the not-too-distant future to adequately fund the sewer system.
- 1:15:40 Police Chief Rowley spoke briefly about staffing and PD and jail budgets. Discussion ensued.
- 1:16:52 Clerk/Treasurer DePew introduced expected increases in the payroll budget.
- 1:21:17 Mayor Fletcher called for a five-minute break.
- Part 2
- 0:05 Mayor Fletcher resumed the meeting at 7:11 p.m.
- 0:16 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion to adjourn by Weissenfels, second Wood, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.


Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer


Tim Fletcher, Mayor