

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Special Session  
City Council Chambers  
December 4, 2023 5:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER**

0:04 Mayor Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: Wood, Soha, Echeita, and Mayor Fletcher. Absent: Weissenfels, Gingell. Staff present: DePew, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Rowley, Police Chief [arrived 5:46 p.m.; departed 7:52 p.m. on a call], and Hampton, Public Works Director.

0:52 Mayor Fletcher welcomed everyone to the last 2024 budget workshop.

**2024 Budget Hearing**

2:20 Mayor Fletcher opened the budget hearing at 7:35 p.m.

2:26 Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce provided updated Visitor Information Center statistics.

4:58 Mayor Fletcher closed the budget hearing at 7:37 p.m.

**2024 Budget Workshop**

5:08 Mayor Fletcher opened the budget workshop.

5:11 Clerk/Treasurer DePew introduced and explained the latest revisions to the preliminary 2024 budget.

8:42 Mayor Fletcher said he would like to put the proposed events coordinator position on hold until the police department is better staffed. He said the lodging tax money requested for that position would still be put aside with the hope of adding the position in the future.

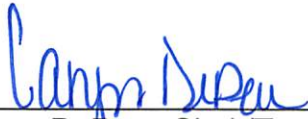
10:32 The proposed \$2,000 in lodging tax funds for annual softball tournaments was briefly discussed.

11:58 Clerk/Treasurer DePew resumed her explanation of the latest revisions to the preliminary budget.

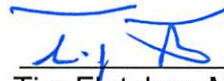
16:59 Attorney/Planner Fleck explained the process for approving the 2024 budget going forward, noting that any requests for revisions should be made and discussed now. Discussion of proposed capital improvement projects ensued.

**ADJOURNMENT**

27:28 Motion to adjourn by Soha, second Wood, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Caryn DeRuw, Clerk/Treasurer



\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Fletcher, Mayor