

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session  
City Council Chambers  
February 12, 2023 7:30 p.m.

0:02 **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.

0:26 **ROLL CALL**

Council members present: A. Grant, Wood, Soha [present via Zoom], Gingell, R. Grant, and Mayor Fletcher. Staff present: DePew, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Rowley, Police Chief [arrived 8:15 p.m.] and Hampton, Public Works Director.

0:45 **MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Fletcher asked that an Endo Opiate Bankruptcy Authorization be added to the agenda as action item #8.

1:15 **Motion** to approve the agenda as modified by Gingell, second Wood, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1:55 Randy Lato presented his report on the October 11, 2023 Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting on Pacific Halibut and bottomfish.

**ACTION ITEMS**

2:35 **1. Motion** to approve minutes of the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting by Wood, second Gingell, motion carried.

3:03 **2. Motion** to approve minutes of the December 26, 2023 Regular Meeting by Wood, second Gingell, motion carried.

3:31 **3. Motion** to approve manual checks 42705 through 42708 in the amount of \$101,228.03, payroll checks 42709 through 42726 in the amount of \$134,646.23, claim checks 42727 through 42776 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$424,743.07, and travel checks 3660 through 3664 in the amount of \$447.09 by  
4:59 Gingell, second Wood, motion carried 3–0 with A. Grant and R. Grant abstaining.

4:38 **4. Public Hearing on Solid Waste Franchise with West Waste Recycling Inc.**  
Attorney/Planner Fleck introduced the notice of public hearing and the Contract of Solid Waste Handling and Disposal with proposed changes highlighted.

7:45 Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 7:38.

- 8:00 Darryl Gaydeski and Mark Soderlind, both independent contractors, spoke against renewing West Waste & Recycling Inc.'s franchise. Brent Gagnon, West Waste & Recycling Inc. spoke for renewing the franchise he currently holds.
- 19:56 Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce commented briefly on behalf of West Waste & Recycling Inc.
- 20:33 Mayor Fletcher closed the public hearing at 7:50.
- 20:50 **5. ALP Approval Letter Authorization**  
Attorney/Planner Fleck introduced the Airport Layout Plan required by the FAA.
- 22:59 **Motion** to authorize the Mayor and staff to sign the ALP approval letter by Gingell, second Wood, motion carried.
- 23:48 **6. Set Hearing Date on Flood Hazard Management Ordinance (FEMA)**  
Attorney/Planner Fleck explained the Flood Hazard Management Ordinance required by FEMA that makes it possible for residents to purchase flood insurance.
- 25:16 **Motion** to set the public hearing on the Flood Hazard Management Ordinance to March 11, 2024 by Gingell, second Wood, motion carried.
- 25:52 **7. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023 Treasurer's Report**  
Clerk/Treasurer DePew presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023 Treasurer's Report.
- 26:43 **Motion** to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023 Treasurer's Report by Gingell, second Wood, motion carried.
- 27:07 **8. Endo Bank Authorization**  
Attorney/Planner Fleck explained the circumstances surrounding bankruptcy proceedings for Endo International initiated after lawsuits, including those from state and local governments, over the sale and marketing of painkillers.
- 29:14 **Motion** to authorize Attorney/Planner Fleck to abstain from voting, opt out of the release section, and sign and return the supplied ballot by Wood, second A. Grant, motion carried 4–0 with Gingell abstaining.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 29:51 **1. Future Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements**  
Attorney/Planner Fleck reviewed the history of the Forks Wastewater Treatment Plant and introduced information regarding the funding of improvements in detail. Discussion ensued.
- 2. Council Member Reports**
- 57:00 **Council Member Gingell** reported having spoken to a property owner who will be using their property as an Oxford House recovery home.

### **3. Staff Reports**

57:33 **Public Works Director Hampton** said the second round of bids for the wastewater treatment plan clarifier project are due on February 21.

58:09 **Police Chief Rowley** apologized for being late and reported having attended the Park Board meeting to discuss the issue of vandalism in Tillicum Park and possible solutions, including community involvement. He then said an Oxford House could be very beneficial to our community.

1:02:11 **Attorney/Planner Fleck** reported on recent meetings on emergency shelter, RECOMPETE grants, and the issue of BPA power outages on the West End.

### **4. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Fletcher reminded everyone that the matter of power outages is something that needs to be resolved at the state and federal level, and encouraged people to contact their state and federal representatives to push for a solution. He said the Park Board has been urged to find ways to make Tillicum Park more family friendly. He then commented on the matter of emergency shelter.

### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

1:10:30 **Motion** to adjourn by Wood, second Soha, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



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Tim Fletcher, Mayor

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Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer