

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
September 23, 2024 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

0:06 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: A. Grant, Wood, Soha [arrived 7:34 p.m.], Gingell, R. Grant, and Mayor Fletcher. Staff present: DePew, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Rowley, Police Chief [called away after the meeting began], and Hampton, Public Works Director.

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

0:47 **Motion** to approve the agenda as presented by H. Grant, second Wood, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1:06 Mark Soderlind, representing the Marietta communities, spoke about water billing.

7:17 Tonya Woodward voiced her opposition, as a neighbor, to aspects of a proposed special use permit at 509 Thomas St.

9:02 Darrell Medley spoke about traffic in Thomas Addition.

12:03 Bob Reick voiced his opposition, as a neighbor, to aspects of a proposed special use permit at 509 Thomas St.

13:22 Gina Wickstrom voiced her opposition, as a neighbor, to aspects of a proposed special use permit at 509 Thomas St.

14:12 Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce, reported a successful Forever Twilight in Forks Festival 2024 and thanked all the volunteers.

ACTION ITEMS

16:33 **1. Motion** to approve minutes of the September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting by Wood, second Gingell, motion carried.

16:53 **2. Motion** to approve payroll checks 43528 through 43542 in the amount of \$89,491.74, and claim checks 43543 through 43576 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$548,110.79 by R. Grant, second Wood, motion carried.

3. Public Hearing for Soha Annexation

17:45 **Motion** to set the public hearing on the proposed Soha Annexation for October 14, 2024 by Gingell, second Wood, motion carried 4–4 with Soha abstaining.

4. Contingency to Start Hiring Process for New Position—RECOMPETE

18:18 Attorney/Planner Fleck directed Council to the proposed job description in their notebooks and provided additional background and specifics, including funding of the new position.

24:17 **Motion** to authorize the Mayor and staff to begin the hiring process for a new position to be funded for the first five years by a RECOMPETE grant by Wood, second A. Grant, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

26:32 1. Acknowledgement of Rod Fleck’s 30 Years of Service

Mayor Fletcher presented Attorney/Planner Fleck with a plaque and thank you for his 30 years of service to the City of Forks.

2. Council Member Reports

27:53 **Council Member Soha** reported on the firewood deliveries by the Forks Lions Club, his family’s visit to Fall Fest in Port Angeles, and the pumpkin patch that will open soon in Beaver.

22:38 **Council Member Gingell** congratulated Attorney/Planner Fleck on his 30 years with the City and suggested discussion of Council approval for banners before they can be hung.

31:54 **Council Member R. Grant** said he would support Council approval of banners and thanked the community members who have come to, and participated in, Council meetings.

3. Staff Reports

32:32 **Clerk/Treasurer DePew** reported having been at the Washington Finance Officers Association training last week.

32:59 **Public Works Director Hampton** said he hopes paving will begin on Bogachiel Way on Tuesday. He then cleared up some comments made during public comment and said the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is moving along.

34:43 **Attorney/Planner Fleck** reported on the status of a land use item for which an appeal has been received and said a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on October 16. He then reported on a meeting he had with Brett McGinley and CEO & Board Chair Bettina von Hagen with EFM, a forest management company that has purchased some Rainier property; and work on the Calawah River crossing of the ODT.

39:23 **4. Mayor's Report**


Mayor Fletcher reported having attended the Log Trucker's Picnic.

39:56 **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer



Tim Fletcher, Mayor