

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
November 12, 2024 7:30 p.m.

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

0:02 Mayor Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

0:30 **ROLL CALL**

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1:05 **Motion** to approve the agenda as presented by Gingell, second Wood, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1:27 Mark Soderlind commented on election results and the awarding of the solid waste franchise to West Waste & Recycling Inc. at the March 25, 2024 Regular Meeting. He then asked about the rumor that the Grants are moving away from Forks.

5:20 Lissy Andros, Director, Forks Chamber of Commerce, reported on downtown trick or treating and said she intends to have Forks Ave closed for the event next year. She then congratulated local lodging businesses as more than \$100,000 in lodging tax revenue was received by the City for stays during the month of August.

ACTION ITEMS

7:57 **1. Motion** to approve minutes of the October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting by R. Grant, second Gingell, motion carried 4–0 with Wood abstaining.

8:24 **2. Motion** to approve manual checks 43693 through 43695 in the amount of \$18,022.72, payroll checks 43697 through 43714 in the amount of \$155,360.89, claim checks 43696, 43715 through 43753 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$143,480.11, and travel checks 3716 through 3724 in the amount of \$1,118.26 by R. Grant, second Wood, motion carried.

9:32 **3. 2025 Budget Hearing**

Mayor Fletcher opened the budget hearing at 7:39 p.m.

9:50 Lissy Andros said she thinks the City and community need to reconsider our population given that 3,700 or so people may live here, but many more are affected by decisions made by other entities, such as the Bonneville Power Administration.

12:21 Mayor Fletcher closed the budget hearing at 7:42 p.m.

4. Revenue Sources/Property Taxes

a. Public Hearing

- 12:41 Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.
- 12:51 Lissy Andros asked what Resolution #521 entails. Council Member Soha explained. Mark Soderlind asked for, and received, clarification.
- 17:31 Mayor Fletcher closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

b. Resolution #521 2025 Property Tax Levy

- 19:07 **Motion** to authorize Resolution #521 2025 Property Tax Levy by Gingell, second Wood, motion carried 4–0 with Soha against.

5. City Data Customer Agreement

- 20:00 Attorney/Planner Fleck introduced and explained the City Data Customer Agreement which would provide the City with information regarding visitors and their activities and be funded by a grant.
- 26:46 **Motion** to reject the agreement with City Data by R. Grant, second Gingell, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

31:21 1. Right-of-Way Vacation Request

Attorney/Planner Fleck introduced the right-of-way vacation requested by property owners abutting the parcel at the south end of 5th Ave. Some discussion ensued.

2. Hazard Mitigation Program—Mitigation Actions

- 34:25 Attorney/Planner Fleck presented and explained a chart of mitigation actions, and informed Council that the City is working with the County on these actions.

3. Banner Fees

- 35:53 Attorney/Planner Fleck initiated discussion of banner fees by explaining the process involved in changing the current fee. Discussion ensued.

4. Council Member Reports

- 40:11 **Council Member Soha** reported having attended the Veteran's Day event.

5. Staff Reports

- 41:42 **Attorney/Planner Fleck** reported having attended the Board of Natural Resources Meeting where a motion to delay all, or remove some, approved timber sales was overturned by the Commissioner of Public Lands and others.

42:47 6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fletcher reported having raised the garrison flag at Tillicum Park and attended the Veteran's Day event.

43:28 **7. Executive Session**

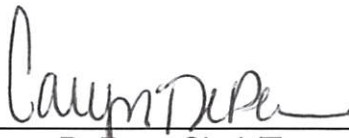
Council recessed into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider the minimum price for a lease of City property at 8:15 p.m. to end at 8:35 p.m.

Part 2

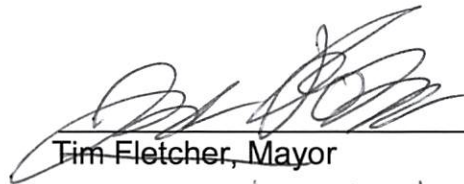
0:01 The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

0:08 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer



Tim Fletcher, Mayor

Joe Soha Pro Tem