

City of Forks  
Council Meeting Minutes Special Session  
City Council Chambers  
November 10, 2025 5:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

0:07 Mayor Fletcher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

0:13 Council members present: Patel, Wood, Soha, Coleman, and Mayor Fletcher. Absent: Gingell. Staff present: DePew, Clerk/Treasurer, Fleck, Attorney/Planner, Rowley, Police Chief, and Hampton, Public Works Director.

**2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

0:25 Mayor Fletcher introduced the 2026 preliminary budget.

0:42 Clerk/Treasurer DePew went through the preliminary budget page by page, pointing out items of significant note.

7:03 Wood asked Police Chief Rowley if he needed any new vehicles in 2026. Rowley said no, and explained how the current vehicles are used. Some discussion ensued.

10:39 Rowley informed Council that WSDOC is considering looking for a place to house their work-release inmates at a much higher rate than the City's standard rate. Discussion ensued.

12:55 Police Chief Rowley presented information regarding jail costs and revenue, contributing factors, and the results of eliminating the jail.

33:24 Coleman asked how long the jail can continue to operate under the current conditions. Rowley said the jail will continue to operate for as long as it can. Discussion ensued.

38:33 Attorney/Planner Fleck commented on some changes that are coming with the court system and costs based on information he acquired at the annual Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys conference. Chief Rowley responded. The two went back and forth with additional information and comments.

53:35 Public Works Director Hampton reported he has requested Streets funds be allocated to two projects next year—one to begin the process of replacing or shoring up the bridge over Mill Creek on Russell Rd and the other to replace rotten streetlight poles. He noted that most street projects have been funded primarily by grants.

- 57:57 Clerk/Treasurer DePew pointed out changes from the preliminary budget delivered to Council at the beginning of October, including \$50,000 each in the Airport/Industrial and Quillayute Airport funds to replace the John Deere tractor.
- 59:37 Clerk/Treasurer DePew noted that the primary differences between the 2025 and 2026 budgets can be attributed primarily to grants.
- 59:58 Public Works Director Hampton initiated a discussion about mechanical issues with, and the repair of, City equipment and vehicles.
- 1:05:53 Various brief discussions between different Council members and staff were held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 1:07:51 **Motion** to adjourn by Soha, second Wood, motion carried.

  
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Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Tim Fletcher, Mayor