

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
November 24, 2025 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

0:10 Mayor Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

0:37 ROLL CALL

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

0:58 **Motion** to approve the agenda as presented by Wood, second Coleman, motion carried.

1:12 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Expenditures

1:40 **Motion** to approve payroll checks 45056 through 45071 in the amount of \$82,382.26, and claim checks 45072, 45103 through 45132 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$97,264.12 by Wood, second Soha, motion carried.

2. 2026 Budget Hearing

2:30 Mayor Fletcher opened the budget hearing at 7:32 p.m.

There was no public comment.

5:18 Mayor Fletcher closed the budget hearing at 7:35 p.m.

3. September 2025 Treasurer's Report

5:47 **Motion** to approve the September 2025 Treasurer's Report by Soha, second Wood, motion carried.

4. Hoh Tribe Easement

6:09 Attorney/Planner Fleck reviewed the proposed easement, and its terms, associated with an electrical line, which is part of a vehicle charging station, running through City property. A brief discussion ensued.

9:55 **Motion** to approve the easement by Wood, second Coleman, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Park Board Minutes

Council reviewed minutes from the Park Board meeting of October 9, 2025.

2. Legislative Positions Resolution

11:04 Attorney/Planner Fleck informed Council that they would soon be asked to take action on a proposed resolution establishing the City's legislative positions and objectives for 2026, and asked that they consider the items in the proposed resolution.

3. Council Member Reports

12:10 **Council Member Wood** asked about the State's new stream buffer rule for forests, which expands no-harvest zones for logging around non-fish-bearing streams, and whether it would affect revenue. Discussion ensued.

15:44 **Council Member Coleman** reported the swift water rescue team has new drysuits.

4. Staff Reports

16:36 **Clerk/Treasurer DePew** said she is still working on the audit and finishing the budget.

17:03 **Public Works Director Hampton** reported the Public Works crew is still working on E St, though was somewhat delayed putting up Christmas decorations. He also said the police department is handling the vandalism that occurred at the ballfields, and that the pumps for the new clarifier were installed today.

18:39 **Attorney/Planner Fleck** provided detailed information regarding the original Russell Road bridge project and how it came about.

4. Mayor's Report

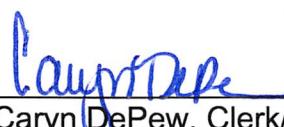
25:59 Mayor Fletcher said he is very proud of much of what our community accomplishes, but sorely disappointed by the regular vandalism of City property. He then wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

5. ADJOURNMENT

27:58 **Motion** to adjourn by Soha, second Wood, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Tim Fletcher, Mayor



Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer