

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Special Session
City Council Chambers
December 1, 2025 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

0:18 Mayor Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Final 2026 Budget Hearing

0:48 Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

There was no public comment.

1:22 Mayor Fletcher closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

2026 Budget Workshop

1:40 Clerk/Treasurer DePew began introducing the latest updates to the preliminary budget, including the allocation of \$30,000 from the General Fund beginning balance to the City portion of the Tillicum Park budget. Attorney/Planner Fleck
2:43 provided additional information regarding the City's and Park Board's roles in improving the park.

2:55 Clerk/Treasurer DePew mentioned the additional 10% over the 2.7% CPI increase to sewer rates and noted it will add \$25,000 to sewer operations and \$25,000 to sewer capital improvement budgets.

4:40 Clerk/Treasurer DePew said she had made no changes to the Industrial Park budget, at which point, Attorney/Planner Fleck explained the current situation with the facilities, grants and loans, and proposed lease. Discussion ensued.

14:42 Clerk/Treasurer DePew said overall changes amount to \$55,000, and that she would like to have the 2026 budget completed for action at the next Regular Meeting.

15:10 Public Works Director Hampton said the Department of Ecology may require the City to drill new monitor wells, depending on the results of a report on how effluent water from the wastewater treatment plant percolates down and toward the Calawah river. He also said the aeration basin liner needs to be replaced. Discussion ensued.

21:18 Wood asked about upgrades to the jail that were part of last year's budget discussions. Chief Rowley explained the upgrades that have been made and those that are still needed.


28:38 Pearson asked about the \$36,000 in the Transit Center budget. Attorney/Planner Fleck and Chief Rowley provided information regarding costs and revenue. Discussion ensued.

34:15 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Soha, second Wood, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer



Tim Fletcher, Mayor