

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
June 8, 2026

Part 1 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.

0:34 ROLL CALL

Council members present: Patel [present via Zoom], Kimball [present via Zoom], Soha, Gingell [arrived at 7:35 p.m.], Pearson, and Mayor Fletcher. Staff present: DePew, Clerk/Treasurer, Archer, Interim Attorney [present via Zoom], Hampton, Public Works Director, and Rowley, Police Chief. Absent: Fleck, Attorney/Planner.

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

0:54 Clerk/Treasurer DePew said values under Expenditures were updated, and passed out a revised agenda.

1:04 **Motion** to approve the agenda as modified by Soha, second Patel, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1:22 Mayor Fletcher said there will be a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Update with Action item 3, and any comments regarding the Update should be made at that time. He also said no public comment regarding Action Item 6 will be accepted.

3:02 Lissy Andros, Executive Director Forks Chamber of Commerce, said the summer baskets, planters, and other decorations look great, and reminded Council and others present the first Movie in the Park will be held June 27, at which National Treasure will be shown.

3:53 Linda McGinley read from a prepared statement regarding her displeasure with water main work along Merchant Road.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Council Meeting Minutes

6:12 **Motion** to approve minutes from the May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting by Soha, second Pearson, motion carried.

2. Expenditures

6:45 **Motion** to approve manual check 45787 in the amount of \$11,401.70, payroll checks 45788 through 45806 in the amount of \$148,244.44, claim checks 45807 through 45834 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$74,286.55, and travel checks 3779 through 3785 in the amount of \$571.75, by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried.

3. Forks 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

- 8:39 Mayor Fletcher introduced the 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update and provided background information.
- 11:17 Tom Beckwith, FAICP, with Beckwith Consulting Group explained formatting in the draft copy of the Update before Council, and that it would be cleaned up for the final version once it is adopted. He went on to explain some of the updates and contents.
- A. Public Hearing
- 13:34 Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.
- There was no public comment.
- 13:57 Mayor Fletcher closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.
- B. Ordinance No. 689: Adopting the 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update
- 14:10 Pearson said she would like more time to consider the Update and asked if action could be postponed until the next Regular Meeting.
- 14:53 **Motion** to postpone action on Ordinance No. 689 until the next Regular Meeting by Pearson, there was no second, motion died.
- 15:32 Interim Attorney Archer explained the implications of postponing adoption of the Update.
- 17:30 Mr. Beckwith added that delaying already late adoption of the Update could affect the City's application for an RCO grant for improvements to the playground at Tillicum Park.
- 19:30 **Motion** to adopt the 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan update by Gingell, second Soha, motion carried.

4. Ordinance No. 690: Approval of the Ruble Rezone

- 20:19 **Motion** to approve rezoning of the Ruble property by Soha, second Gingell.
- 20:40 Pearson recused herself and left Council chambers.
- 20:42 There was no discussion on the matter. The motion carried.
- 21:01 Pearson resumed her seat on the Council.

5. Ordinance No. 691: Approval of the Forks Municipal Airport Rezone

- 21:11 **Motion** to approve rezoning of the Forks Municipal Airport by Soha, second Patel, motion carried.

21:35 6. Closed Record hearing on Appeal by Cora Sasticum of the Planning Commission's Approval of Conditional use Permit for Tom Tucker for Eight Unit Tiny Home Development—Small Inn to be constructed at 170 Sportsman Club Road

22:07 Pearson recused herself and left Council chambers.

22:44 Mayor Fletcher introduced the specifics of the matter and explained the process to follow.

23:44 Interim Attorney Archer reviewed quasi-judicial procedures and Council's role.

26:05 Interim Attorney Archer asked Council questions to ensure the appearance of fairness.

26:36 Patel declared he is also in the hospitality business, and wants to ensure no conflict of interest through his participation in this quasi-judicial proceeding.

27:16 Interim Attorney Archer said she did not think there was a conflict of interest, and gave Patel the option to recuse himself.

27:40 Patel said he would remain a part of the proceedings.

27:54 Interim Attorney Archer asked if anyone thought Patel should recuse himself. There was no response.

30:03 Mayor Fletcher opened the closed-record hearing, explaining the Conditional Use Permit granted by the Planning Commission and the appeal against it.

32:53 Appellant Cora Sasticum, owner of a neighboring property, read from a prepared statement.

38:03 Mayor Fletcher asked if Council had any questions for the Appellant. There was no response.

38:35 Applicant Tom Tucker said Ms. Sasticum had introduced new information in her statement.

38:53 Interim Attorney Archer said Ms. Sasticum's comments regarding wells were new information and beyond the scope of this evening's appeal, but that the information was included in the packet from the Planning Commission's hearing.

28:44 Mr. Tucker responded to several of Ms. Sasticum's comments.

40:15 Mayor Fletcher asked if Council had any questions for the Applicant.

42:15 Soha said occupancy for each unit should have been clarified as part of the Conditional Use Permit.

42:20 Mr. Tucker responded.

Interim Attorney Archer asked if the Appellant had a rebuttal to the Applicant's
43:21 comments.

44:56 Ms. Sasticum clarified her comments regarding occupancy and the sources of her information.

45:16 Mayor Fletcher closed the closed-record hearing.

Mayor Fletcher asked the public to leave Council chambers, and those present
45:54 via Zoom were sent to the "waiting room", so that Council could deliberate on the matter in a 10-minute closed session to begin at 8:20 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

46:11 Mayor Fletcher resumed the Regular Meeting to extend the closed session by 10 minutes to begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 8:40 p.m.

Part 2

0:01 Mayor Fletcher resumed the Regular Meeting. Some discussion regarding the next step ensued.

Part 3

0:33 **Motion** to remand the matter back to the Planning Commission for further review of the specific units to be utilized and whether the building code applies to the units by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried.

2:13 Interim Attorney Archer said this action by the Council has directed her to provide a written finding and decision to the Planning Commission.

4:10 **Motion** to authorize staff to prepare a written finding to the Planning Commission, which the Mayor will sign, by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried.

4:43 Pearson resumed her seat on the Council.

7. E Street Reconstruction Bid Award

5:22 Public Works Director Hampton introduced the bids received for the E Street Reconstruction Project.

5:57 **Motion** to award the E Street Reconstruction Project to Rognlin's, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, by Soha, second Kimball, motion carried.

8. DOT Radar Speed Sign LOU Approval

6:56 **Motion** to authorize the Mayor and staff to execute the letter of understanding regarding installation of radar signs along Hwy 101 through Forks by Gingell, second Pearson, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Council Member Reports

8:00 **Council Member Pearson** said she has been busy working on the Whiskey, Women, and Wood event to be held on August 29 at the Roundhouse.

2. Staff Reports

10:22 **Public Works Director Hampton** said he is waiting on paperwork to apply for a grant for the wastewater treatment plant, and his crew is busy preparing for the 4th of July celebration.

11:06 **Police Chief Rowley** said he has been fielding complaints regarding panhandling. Some discussion ensued.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fletcher said action on the interlocal agreement with the Hoh Tribe should have been on the agenda for this meeting, but that it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

4. Executive Session

13:11 Mayor Fletcher said Council will break into Executive Session for 20 minutes, to begin at 9:00 p.m. and end at 9:20 p.m., to discuss the legal risks of a proposed action when public discussion could have adverse legal or financial consequences for the City.

Part 4

0:18 Mayor Fletcher resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:20 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

0:19 **Motion** to adjourn by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.


Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer


Tim Fletcher, Mayor