

City of Forks
Council Meeting Minutes Regular Session
City Council Chambers
September 28, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

0:03 Mayor Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

0:26 **ROLL CALL**

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

MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

0:38 Mayor Fletcher announced Discussion Item 2, Sewer Rates, will be postponed until the next Regular Meeting.

0:55 **Motion** to approve the agenda as modified by Gingell, second Patel, motion carried.

1:08 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Council Meeting Minutes

1:48 **Motion** to approve minutes of the Regular Meetings held August 24, 2026 and September 14, 2026 by Gingell, second Soha, motion carried.

2. Expenditures

2:17 **Motion** to approve payroll checks 46184 through 46200 in the amount of \$95,427.39, and claim checks 46201 through 46249 and EFTs as included in the total amount of \$181,535.92, by Patel, second Gingell, motion carried.

3. On-call Engineer Awards

2:54 Attorney/Planner Fleck introduced the request for qualifications for 2026–2028 on-call engineers and the recommended firms from RFQ responses, explaining that grant sources for upcoming projects have very specific requirements of engineers. Discussion of the selections and the selection process ensued.

26:20 **Motion** to approve the firms recommended as 2026–2028 on-call engineers by Gingell, second Patel, motion carried 3–1 with Soha abstaining.

4. Permission to Pursue Speed Limit Reductions

31:29 **Motion** to allow City staff to pursue speed limit reductions at the north and south ends of town by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried.

5. Ordinance No. 697: 2026 Budget Amendment

32:27 Clerk/Treasurer DePew explained the proposed amendment to 2026 Sewer Fund budgeting.

33:13 **Motion** to approve Ordinance No. 697, 2026 Budget Amendment, by Gingell, second Soha, motion carried.

6. July 2026 Treasurer's Report

33:31 Council reviewed the July 2026 Treasurer's Report. Some discussion ensued.

35:31 **Motion** to approve the July 2026 Treasurer's Report by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

35:49 1. Quillayute Airport Terminal Status

Attorney/Planner Fleck updated Council on the Quillayute Airport terminal project. Some discussion of Quillayute Airport in general ensued.

2. Reports

• Council Member Reports

32:04 **Council Member Patel** reported many calls from expected guests at his hotels asking about the status of the Hoh River Bridge, with many canceling their reservations.

40:55 **Council Member Soha** said he attended Apple Cider, Sauce & Conkers, hosted by Quillayute Valley Park & Recreation and held at the Aquatic Center. He then asked about the "Wood windows on south façade to match historic types" item on SHKS Architects' Design Cost Plan for the Quillayute Airport hangar/terminal. Attorney/Planner Fleck explained that the specialty windows are necessary because the building meets national registry requirements.

42:41 **Council Member Gingell** reported having attended the Assembly of God's 90th anniversary celebration.

43:39 **Council Member Pearson** said she's been attending a variety of school events. She then stated her concerns regarding plans for Hoh River Bridge repairs, and encouraged everyone to reach out to state government with their own concerns. Discussion of the bridge situation ensued.

• Staff Reports

48:00 **Public Works Director Hampton** said work on the E Street project has begun, and that he hopes we get some good paving weather as TIB will not pay for paving after October. He then commended the current on-call engineer who drove up from the south as far as the Hoh River Bridge only to be turned around to drive an additional four hours to get here, and told Council he'd let a local business that relies on the bridge for their business know that our City Council is very concerned and discussing the matter in meetings.

51:12 **Police Chief Rowley** said one of the police officers will be quitting as of October 6, leaving an opening in the Police Department, and that he is looking forward to the return of the rain.

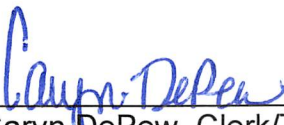
52:35 **Attorney/Planner Fleck** said he spoke with someone from WSDOT regarding future Hoh River Bridge and highway repairs, and asked that the City be part of relative discussions and project planning. He then said the City uses criminal trespass to deal with inappropriate behavior in public places such as Tillicum Park, the boat launch, Transit Center, etc., so incidents must be reported to dispatch via the non-emergent line (360-374-2223 #1) or to 911 as non-emergent calls, or the behavior/incident did not technically happen.

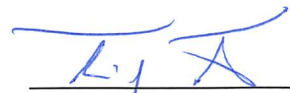
- Mayor's Report

55:53 Mayor Fletcher directed Council to the Tillicum Park Large Play Field Turf Improvement Project bid tabulation in the Reports section of their notebooks, pointing out that the project will be awarded to a local business. He then reported having attended Apple Cider, Sauce & Conkers, and the Logger & Truck Drivers Picnic.

3. ADJOURNMENT

57:23 **Motion** to adjourn by Soha, second Gingell, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.


Caryn DePew, Clerk/Treasurer


Tim Fletcher, Mayor