

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FOSSTON, POLK COUNTY MINNESOTA  
AUGUST 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fosston, Polk County Minnesota was held in council chambers on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Offerdahl with the following members present: Hoialmen and Veum. Members absent: Anderson and Dufault. Also present was Karen Graham, Ken Buchanan, Dave Larson, Deputies Sondrol and Folkert, Paige Tompkins, Mark Hagen and Lee Cariveau.

Motion was made by Hoialmen seconded by Veum to approve the agenda with the following modifications: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A) Consider approval of tobacco license application from Dollar General.
- B) Consider payment to Hagen Construction for the Taflin Building demolition.

Motion was made by Veum seconded by Hoialmen to approve consent agenda items A and B. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A) To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 13, 2015 as per copies furnished each member.
- B) To approve Accounts Payable Bill Listing #15-08 in the amount of \$93,570.92 and AP Bill Listing #15-08A in the amount of \$934,338.29.

COMMITTEES/BOARDS/COMMISSION

Law Enforcement: Deputies Folkert and Sondrol were present to discuss law enforcement activities:

- Some arrests have been made but nothing major
- A lot of routine items.

Streets/Sanitation/Utilities: Dave Larson reported on matters pertaining to his departments:

- Tree trimming and grass mowing continues.
- The Garden Valley plow crew is about 50% done with the town. The bore crew is behind them at 35 to 40%.
- The power outage a week ago was due to an underground fault.
- The water leak on Foss and 8<sup>th</sup> Street was found and was a small main tied into two services.

Civic Center/Parks & Recreation:

- Summer Rec. ended on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Toolcat is a nice machine. It will fit in the garage at the sports complex if the attachment is off.
- There was a 16 Team softball tournament at the sports complex over the weekend.
- The DNR Grant for the Sports Complex was discussed. The state awarded Fosston \$90,000 and is a matching grant. Hockey rink improvements were the focus of the State awarding the dollars to us. We should also be looking at where the new building is placed. More planning needs to be done.

- The Natural Play Space Lease with the School was discussed. This is for Rotary's development of the space behind the bus garage and is mainly for liability purposes. The school board meets on the 20<sup>th</sup> so they could approve the lease at that time.

Hospital:

- Dr. Brit Beesen is new to Fosston. She is a General Practitioner.

Motion was made by Veum seconded by Hoialmen to approve Pay Estimate #2 from Dennis Killian Construction in the amount of \$16,804.66 for the Veteran's Memorial Park Project (contingent upon a satisfactory walk-through tomorrow) and to approve the Amendment to task order #4 for Karvacko Engineering in the amount of \$1,500.00 (this item tabled last month). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Veum seconded by Hoialmen to approve Partial Payment Estimate #1 in the amount of \$52,565.88 from Hagen Construction for the First Street Alley and Mary Avenue Project. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ken Buchanan of the NW MN Multi-County HRA was present to discuss the Small Cities Rental Rehab Grant. He presented a policy that needs approval for funding for ten rental properties for rehab. All landlords will be contacted and Buchanan will have a meeting to discuss this. The total budget is \$252,000. The amount available per home is \$12,500 and the owners need to kick in one third. The DEED funds are forgivable over 10 years or 10% each year. Motion was made by Hoialmen seconded by Veum to approve the policies and procedures. Motion carried by unanimous vote. It is anticipated that the program will begin mid-September.

Motion was made by Veum seconded by Hoialmen to approve Partial Pay Estimate #5 in the amount of \$65,450.97 from Gordon Construction for the Downtown Street and Utility Improvement Project. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Lee Cariveau of Widseth, Smith & Nolting was present to discuss City Projects:

Downtown Street & Utilities Project: No changes to Second St. South. Downtown areas were cleaned up and sidewalk was replaced. Handicap ramps are in. Some minor issues need to be addressed. No date for the Johnson Ave. Alley yet.

Veteran's Park Sidewalk: Cariveau will have Cohen look at the cracks on the sidewalk and curb at the park when they come back to town. The County won't do anything about this but it is still in the warranty period.

FIT Trail: Mayor Offerdahl spoke to this issue: Lucken, Hagen and Offerdahl met along with Cariveau today. The trail is not perfect. Corrective action was taken – overlay and seal coat improved the trail. The City asked if Hagen and his subcontractor would warranty this work out two years. Hagen informed the council that his subcontractor will not warrant this any further than what the contract says – which is this fall. Hagen stated that he will warranty this himself for two years from July 1<sup>st</sup>. Now to consider is approving Partial Pay Estimate #6 and 7 and the additional \$2,300.00. Pay Est. #6 is for \$22,132.52 and was the one that council tabled back in April. Pay Estimate #7 was the balance of retainage. \$2,300 is for the agreed upon cost share of the seal coat. The pay estimates will be paid through the county but the \$2,300 will be paid by the City. Motion was made by Hoialmen to approve the Pay Estimate #6, #7 and \$2,300.00. The motion was reluctantly seconded by Veum and carried by

unanimous vote. Veum does not feel that the job was done as it should have been. Offerdahl stated that it doesn't look perfect but the integrity is there.

Motion was made by Veum seconded by Hoialmen to approve the Development Agreement with Tina & Luke Klisch per recommendation from FEDA. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Hoialmen seconded by Veum to approve the Application to Sell Tobacco and Tobacco related products to Dollar General. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Hoialmen seconded by Veum to approve payment of \$16,160.00 to Hagen Construction for demolition of the Taflin Building. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Cariveau complimented the nice article on Fosston in the Grand Forks Herald this past week. It says something for the positive growth in the City.

There being no further business to come before the council, motion was made by Veum seconded by Hoialmen to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Charles Lucken, City Administrator