

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FOSSTON, POLK COUNTY MINNESOTA
JUNE 5, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council was held in council chambers on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider adoption of the Resolution Vacating a Portion of Lincoln Avenue (commonly known as Larson Avenue) in the Townsite of West Fosston.

Mayor Offerdahl called the meeting to order with the following members present: Hoialmen, Veum, Anderson and Dufault. Also present was Leah Hemmingsen, Thatcher Palubicki, Adam Carlson, Dave Larson, Mark Finstad, Mike Breckel, Nina Palubicki and Jim Palubicki.

Mayor Offerdahl stated that there was considerable vocal support in favor of vacating the street at the Public Hearing held on Monday, June 1st. Adam and Dustin Carlson support the project but concerns over the timing of the vote were noted. The following morning a meeting with these parties was held and Adam stated this morning they are in support.

The Mayor also stated that if this resolution is adopted, **it will not be recorded until Development Agreements have been executed.**

Member Hoialmen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-27
RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF LINCOLN
AVENUE (COMMONLY KNOWN AS LARSON AVENUE)
IN THE TOWNSITE OF WEST FOSSTON:**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fosston, Minnesota, previously passed Resolution No. 15-24 noting its interest in vacating, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.851, that portion of Lincoln Avenue in the original plat of the Townsite of West Fosston, which is commonly known as Larson Avenue, legally described as:

---Lincoln Avenue, for the full width, from the northerly boundary of Block 6, Townsite of West Fosston, as extended, to the southerly boundary of Block 6, Townsite of West Fosston, as extended.---

and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 1st day of June, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. before the City Council in the Fosston City Hall located at 220 East First Street, after due published notice had been given on May 12, 2015, May 17, 2015, due posted notice had been given on May 15, 2015, due mailed

notice had been given on May 15, 2015, and all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard;
and

WHEREAS, the City Council in its discretion has determined that vacation of that portion of Lincoln Avenue (also known as Larson Avenue), located in the Townsite of West Fosston and Stephens Addition to the Townsite of West Fosston, described above, appears in the interest of the public and will benefit the public because:

- Vacation of the street is critical to the growth of the downtown business community.
- It is compatible with the City of Fosston Comprehensive Plan and achieves the goal of promoting the business district and community.
- It enhances the community's character and appearance by providing new and expanded retail opportunities for the residents of Fosston.
- Vacation of the street will result in an increase of over \$5.5 million in city tax base.
- Will retain 70 jobs and create 25 new jobs.
- Vacation of the street will allow the development of new rental housing which is a priority of the City of Fosston and the Fosston Economic Development Authority.
- Will encourage the development of apartment units to increase housing stock of homes for first time home buyers and families.
- Accomplishes a goal of the City Comprehensive Plan to promote Fosston as a place to live with a high quality of place.

WHEREAS, at least 4/5 of all the members of the City Council concur in this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that portion of the following streets, legally described below, are hereby vacated:

---Lincoln Avenue (also known as Larson Avenue) from the northerly boundary of Block 6, Townsite of West Fosston and Block 8, Stephens Addition to the southerly boundary of Block 6, Townsite of West Fosston and Block 8, Stephens Addition to the Townsite of West Fosston.---

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Dufault and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Hoialmen, Dufault, Veum, Anderson and Offerdahl

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared passed and adopted by the City Council this 5th day of June, 2015.

APPROVED:

James Offerdahl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Charles Lucken, City Administrator

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

Charles Lucken, City Administrator