

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FOSSTON, POLK COUNTY MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the Council of the City of Fosston, Polk County Minnesota was held in council chambers on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Offerdahl with the following members present: Veum, Dufault, Hoialmen and Anderson. Also present: Karen Graham and Mary Reichenbach.

Mayor Offerdahl stated that the purpose of the meeting is to set the budget and levy for 2016. The goal is to hold property taxes on homes and businesses as close to the same dollar level as possible and no one should see their city portion of real estate taxes increase unless they are reassessed.

Administrator Lucken gave an overview of the preliminary general fund budget. The proposed budget has a 3% levy increase. Lucken summarized the budget and explained the changes that affected the various departments. Parks and Recreation has a large increase for 2016. This is for constructing the maintenance building and skating rink as well as increasing the wage of the maintenance worker at the complex. The library bonds will be paid off this year so that is done. Community Development includes \$50,000 for continued improvements to the Veteran's Memorial Park. Lucken also reviewed the revenues for 2016. Local Government Aid is up about \$5,000. We propose to transfer an additional \$50,000 from Light & Power as well as Natural Gas for 2016.

The debt service payment schedule was reviewed as well as the comparison of Fosston city taxes compared to surrounding communities. Fosston is lowest of the six that included Ada, Bagley, Clearbrook, Erskine and McIntosh.

Member Hoialmen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED BUDGET
RESOLUTION NO. 15-35**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Proposed 2016 Budget for the General Fund be set at \$1,580,920.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Dufault and upon vote being taken thereon the following members 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 this 28th day of September, 2015.

James Offerdahl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Charles Lucken, City Administrator

Member Veum introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION SETTING PROPOSED
2016 TAX LEVY
RESOLUTION 15-36**

RESOLVED, that the following sums are hereby proposed to be levied upon the taxable property in the City of Fosston, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, for the 2015 taxes collectable in 2016 for the following purposes to-wit:

PURPOSE	2015 FINAL	2016 PRELIMINARY	CHANGE
General Fund	\$ 59,203	\$ 87,200	\$ 27,997
2001B Library Bonds	\$ 30,825	\$ -0-	(\$ 30,825)
2006B St. Improvement Bonds	\$ 28,240	\$ 26,350	(\$ 1,890)
2007A St. Improvement Bonds	\$ 22,215	\$ 19,940	(\$ 2,275)
2008A St. Improvement Bonds	\$ 21,870	\$ 20,514	(\$ 1,356)
2009 St. Improvement Note	\$ 21,150	\$ 21,150	\$ -0-
2010A PIR & Refunding Bonds	\$ 88,645	\$ 50,252	(\$ 38,393)
2011 St. Improvement Note	\$ 12,870	\$ 12,870	\$ -0-
2012 St. Improvement Note	\$ 17,614	\$ 17,614	\$ -0-
2014 Brandt Ave. Note	\$ -0-	\$ 13,200	\$ 13,200
2015B St. Improvement Bonds	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 42,741</u>	<u>\$ 42,741</u>
Total Gross Levy	\$302,632 =====	\$311,831 =====	\$ 9,199 =====

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

and the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared passed and adopted this 28th day of September, 2015.

James Offerdahl, Mayor

Attest:

Charles Lucken, City Administrator

Member Dufault introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
RESOLUTION NO. 15-37**

WHEREAS, the City of Fosston is required by the State of Minnesota, Department of Revenue to hold a Public Budget Hearing between November 25, 2015 and December 28, 2015.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Public Budget Hearing for the City of Fosston be held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

and the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared passed and adopted this 28th day of September, 2015.

James Offerdahl, Mayor

Attest:

Charles Lucken, City Administrator

There being no further business to come before the council, motion was made by Dufault seconded by Veum to adjourn.

Charles Lucken, City Administrator