

December 2024 City News



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2025 Budget & Levy Update

The total preliminary general fund budget for 2025 that was recently adopted by City Council is \$4,506,758 and the total debt service budget for 2025 will be \$328,103. The preliminary 2025 property tax levy adopted by Council will increase 2.0% or \$10,764 over the 2024 tax levy. The preliminary 2025 tax levy certified to Polk County was \$530,103. Based on the proposed tax levy for 2025 a residential homestead property valued at \$100,000 will pay an estimated \$292 in city tax next year. Even though the proposed 2025 tax levy increased by 2%, the City is projecting that the City portion of the real estate tax bill will see about a 1% decrease, providing there has been no increase in a property owners market value.

Due to a large airport project occurring in 2026, rather than 2025 the total budget that will be presented at the Truth in Taxation Meeting on the 9th will be \$2,404,111. The levy amount remains the same as the preliminary levy.

Winter Issues for Code Compliance

With the change in seasons upon us, the City offers the following suggestions and reminders for Fosston residents:

City ordinance requires that every occupant of property and every owner of unoccupied property abutting on a city sidewalk must keep the sidewalk clear of snow and ice. Removing the snow and ice from your walks is a gesture of caring and respect for your neighbors and community. Sidewalks provide a safe route for senior citizens, school children, your neighbors, and probably your family. Please don't let snow pileup.

Customers of the Fosston Municipal Utilities must keep all meters accessible for the meter reader or you may be subject to a \$10 service fee. Please keep a path shoveled to the utility meters.

It is a violation of the City Parking Ordinance to park a vehicle or trailer on any street after a snowfall. All vehicles must be moved to allow for snow plowing. All vehicles interfering with snow plowing operations will be ticketed and if they are not moved, will be subject to towing and impound. It is also a violation to park a vehicle or permit it to stand on any street in the City for any continuous period in excess of 24 hours. Please help us increase the safety of our workers and the public by complying with this request. Thank you.



Abby Pearson



Meet the elected officials that serve you!

Term started at city:
March 2024

Favorite part of being a councilmember: I love getting to see firsthand the growth and development of our community and the passion the City Staff put into positive change in Fosston

Hobbies/activities: Directing Theater, Gardening, and spending quality time with my family. I also collect Uranium and Fenton Glass.

Fun fact about Abby:
Abby originally grew up in Gillette, Wyoming

Motto: *"Be the Change you want to see in the World"*

On Snowmobiling..... - Fosston Law Enforcement wants snowmobile operators to be aware of the regulations regarding snowmobile use in the City of Fosston. The maximum speed limit is 10 mph anywhere in the city and snowmobiles traveling faster than the maximum speed limit will be subject to a citation. Snowmobile operators are also required to come to a complete stop at all road crossings and intersections.

A snowmobile may not be operated within the city only during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. unless an operator is going directly to the owner's home, place of business, or the location where the snowmobile is generally stored. A snowmobile should not be operated within the city in the following areas: on private property without written permission from the owner; on school grounds, park property, playgrounds or recreational areas.

Law Enforcement want operators to be aware that safe, responsible, and courteous snowmobiling is welcomed and snowmobilers are encouraged to use the trail system and to patronize Fosston businesses.

If your garbage pickup is on a day our departments are closed, your garbage will be picked up the following open business day along with that days garbage.



Prairie Pines
Childcare Center in
Fosston is a non-profit
childcare center with a

mission to provide remarkable care for the children entrusted to them. Prairie Pines Childcare Center has openings now and is offering a \$50 tuition credit for the first week! Call them today at 435-1130

Coming Events:

- City Council—Monday, December 9, 2024—7p.m.
- City Departments Closed—Wednesday, December 25th—Merry Christmas
- City Departments Closed—Wednesday, January 1, 2025—Happy New Year

NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Greetings from the Fosston Police Department

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! I am thankful for Fosston and the good folks that live in this community. We truly have kind and generous people that live here in Fosston and I feel blessed to be a part of this community.

With snow starting to fall and the weather getting colder, it is important to start to think about winter driving. We have many students and teachers at both schools that cross the busy streets to get to the schools. Please be mindful of your speed and be extra careful when driving by the schools. When the roads are snow and ice covered, you may need extra distance for stopping. Also, as the snow starts to pile up, the intersections become somewhat obstructed. It's important to creep out into the intersection to make sure it is safe to proceed. It is also important to put away any distractions while driving, like the cell-phone or food.

Please be aware that Fosston has an ordinance pertaining to parking on the street after a snowstorm. The ordinance prohibits parking on the street until snow removal has been completed. Please make sure your vehicle is in your driveway or in another parking area on your property when the city plows are out removing snow from the streets. The Fosston maintenance crew is up very early at times clearing the streets of snow so that we are able to get around in the morning and plowing around vehicles makes their job more difficult.

