

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FOSSTON, POLK COUNTY MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fosston, Polk County Minnesota was held in council chambers on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Offerdahl with the following members present: Veum, Carlson, Ehlke and Lambert. Also present was Dave Larson, Pat Hanlon, Ryan Hanlon, Dick Roue and Polk County Deputy Randy Sondrol.

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

- 1) Consider approval of Exempt Gambling Permit for the Turkey Federation Banquet in March.
- 2) Consider Rural Fire Board proposal for new fire truck purchase.

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

- A) To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 14, 2013 as per copies furnished each member.
- B) To approve Accounts Payable Bill Listing #13-02 in the amount of \$79,559.85 and AP Bill Listing #13-02A in the amount of \$994,819.37.

COMMITTEES/BOARDS/COMMISSION:

Law Enforcement: Deputy Sondrol was present to discuss law enforcement activities for January:

- The task force was busy last month.
- Kyle Lindberg should be done with training and start covering Fosston in March. Jared Quanrud will then go on road patrol.

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

- Snow plowing and cleanup will continue through tomorrow.
- Worked with Quick Attach to get a temporary gas service to its new building.
- We've had nine water breaks so far this year with six of them being on Second Street NW.
- Water Conservation Services from Lino Lakes was in town to assist with some water leak detection and they did find the one big leak.

Civic Center/Parks & Recreation: Pat Hanlon was present to discuss Civic Center/Parks & Recreation matters:

- The Zamboni is in for repairs
- Hockey Rink lights need replacing.

Ryan Hanlon was present to discuss Babe Ruth Baseball.

- This is a summer activity that has been here since 1998. It was funded through the youth baseball account and fundraising. This was done for Babe Ruth and Legion Ball. Last year the Lions Club contributed \$1,500 for the baseball programs. He is here requesting council consideration of funding Babe Ruth Baseball not Legion Ball. If possible, perhaps we could build this into the Summer Rec. program and budget for it next year if we can't find funds for it this year. One thought was to consider raising recreation fees to help cover this cost. Council also

directed Hanlon to speak to the Sportsman's Club and the Mentor Fire Department as possible sources for donations to this program.

Hospital: Lucken reports another successful Tango & Cash fundraiser was held last Saturday.

Bus: Pastor Paul Magelssen raised \$3,000 for the Sunday Bus Program.

Community/Economic Development: Lucken reported on community/economic development items:

- Dr. Winjum is the new board member for FEDA
- At its last meeting, FEDA had general discussion on downtown and the Mobil Station.

Star Committee: Skala presented a final street pole banner design to the council. New banners will go up this spring.

Motion was made by Carlson seconded by Veum to approve the Liquor License Applications for the American Legion Club; Venture's Bar & Grill and Fosston Off Sale. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council considered approval of the Application for Transient Merchant License for Greg Parenteau, DBA: Oof-da Tacos. After discussion, council directed Administrator Lucken to see what how surrounding cities handle Transient Merchant Licenses and what they charge. No action taken.

Motion was made by Ehlke seconded by Carlson to approve submission of the Pay Equity Implementation Form to Minnesota Management & Budget Department. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Veum seconded by Ehlke to approve Partial Payment Estimate #12 from Gladen Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$172,399.21. Motion carried by unanimous vote. This payment reduces the retainage from 5% to 2%.

Motion was made by Lambert seconded by Carlson to approve the request from Erskine Attachments, LLC for advance from the "Construction Grant" for building construction in the amount of \$623,208.01. This will be the second and final payment which totals one million dollars. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Carlson seconded by Lambert to approve the request from the 2013 All School Reunion Committee for assistance with fireworks (\$6,000) and kid's games (\$4,500). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Ehlke seconded by Lambert to approve the Exempt Permit for Gambling for the Prairie Toms Chapter of the Turkey Federation Banquet to be held at Venture's Bar & Grill on March 21st. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

On January 31st the Rural Fire Board held its annual meeting. The board had discussion on purchasing a new fire truck for the department. There is a reserve fund for a fire truck purchase that has been in place since 2005. \$10,000 a year has been put aside for this purchase as well as fire call revenue. There is currently \$106,733.50 in this account. The cost of a new fire truck is \$320,000 of which the City would be responsible for half. Interest rates are low and our portion could be funded through Rural Water and

structured as a ten year note. At this time the Rural Fire Board is looking for council consensus and for the city to arrange financing. If we levy next year it will replace the levy going off this year. The Rural Fire Board has scheduled a special meeting on February 21st to further discuss this. In the meantime, Chuck will get a cash flow and get more information to council members before the 21st.

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

Charles Lucken, City Administrator