

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT
CITY COUNCIL/FOSSTON UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF FOSSTON, POLK COUNTY MINNESOTA
February 6, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special joint meeting of the City Council and the Fosston Utilities Commission of the City of Fosston, Polk County Minnesota was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Offerdahl called the meeting to order with the following members present: Hoialmen, Anderson, Bosselman, and Dufault. Members absent: none. Utilities Commission member Offerdahl called the meeting to order with the following Utilities Commission members present: Veum. Absent: Holt. Others in attendance were: City Administrator Chuck Lucken, Assistant City Administrator Cassie Heide, Director of Public Works David Larson, Mark Hallan, PE, Widseth Smith Nolting, Lee Cariveau of Widseth Smith Nolting (WSN), Nathan and Joann Fultz, Roger and Phyllis Sjulson and Mike Affeldt.

Mayor Offerdahl stated the purpose of the meeting was to look at the facility plan as prepared by Widseth Smith Nolting.

Lee Cariveau of Widseth Smith Nolting presented eight options for wastewater expansion for the City of Fosston taking into account comments and suggestions from the public open house held in October 2019.

Cariveau explained that the three pond system is from 1964 with improvements performed in 2012 to include two aeration ponds. Cariveau went over costs and benefits to each of the eight options as well as environmental impacts, odor, dwelling impacts, well setbacks, land procurement, space limitations, operation costs, chemical treatment costs and sustainability.

Cariveau informed the council and commission that alternative 2 which includes a 20 and 16 acre pond on the land West of the current ponds is the engineer recommended option that meets all of the criteria as outlined above.

Joann Fultz questioned if the setbacks failed. Cariveau explained that the setbacks are guidance from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. No matter where the ponds are placed some residents will be affected. Cariveau worked to have the least amount of effect on neighbors as possible.

Roger Sjulson questioned if it was possible to have one pond on the East side and another on the West side. Cariveau explained that the land to the East is higher and would necessitate pumps and additional energy costs. Additionally, the City does not own the land and dwelling setbacks would not improve.

Roger Sjulson questions if the old ponds would be lined. Cariveau explained that the old ponds are not, at this time, required to be lined due to minimal leakage.

Mark Hallan, WSN explained that groundwater monitoring wells will also be recommended to the City as part of the process.

There being no further business to come before the joint meeting motion was made by Hoailmen seconded by Anderson to adjourn the council meeting. Motion was made by Offerdahl seconded by Veum to adjourn the Fosston Utilities Commission meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Charles Lucken, City Administrator