

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FOSSTON, POLK COUNTY MINNESOTA
January 30, 2024

A special meeting of the Council of the City of Fosston, Polk County Minnesota was held in council chambers on Tuesday, January 30, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Offerdahl with the following members present: Anderson, and Dufault. Members absent: Mulry and LePier. Also present was: Cassie Heide and Stephen Larson. Approximately forty members of the community attended to view the online only public hearing. Several commented during the online hearing. The city council took no action during the hearing.

The purpose of the special meeting was to allow the public to attend the public hearing held by Minnesota Department of Health in relation to Essentia Health Fosston discontinuation of OB services.

Upon the closing of the hearing Mayor Offerdahl took a few moments to inform the community members present on the current state of the dispute resolution process with Essentia Health. Offerdahl explained that the 3-member arbitration panel has been selected and a hearing is likely late Spring/early Summer. Offerdahl further explained that if Essentia Health will not resume delivery of babies in Fosston and if the arbitration panel rules that Fosston can terminate the contract it will do so, and the City Administrator and City Attorney have already been instructed to do so. Offerdahl informed the community members that the city has done its research and homework on what needs to be done upon termination.

There was no action of the council taken.

There being no further business to come before the council, motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Dufault to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Cassandra Heide, City Administrator