

JULY 2020 CITY NEWS

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House Numbers are Important for Emergency Responders

House numbers are not only convenient for finding addresses but necessary for emergency responders to locate those in need. When responding to an emergency, every minute matters, so be sure that fire, ambulance and law enforcement personnel can easily and quickly find your address.

Chapter p, Section 91.80 of the Fosston City Code requires that buildings be numbered: Each owner of any house or other building suitable for residential or commercial occupancy shall place on every building its proper street number by affixing such numbers in metal, glass, or other material so that same shall be clearly visible from the street.

The Fosston City Council recommends that all Fosston residents take a few moments to install house numbers or examine existing house numbers. Be sure that the numbers are easily read from the street. Consider the following:

- Script numbers or numbers that are spelled out in words may be aesthetically pleasing but are difficult to read quickly from the street.
- Brass or bronze numbers are difficult to see. Use numbers that contrast with the background.
- Be sure that the view of the numbers is not obstructed by shrubs, trees, or decorations, such as flags.
- Numbers should be clearly seen when approaching from either side of the house.

If the numbers on your house are not visible or easy to read, it will take emergency personnel longer to reach you. Those extra minutes spent trying to locate a property can mean the difference between life and death, so take the time now to be sure your house numbers are able to be seen from the street to help emergency responders find you faster.

- Coming Events:
- Monday, July 13, 7pm—
City Council meeting
- Saturday, July 18—
Highway 2 Car Club Show
& Shine
- Saturday, July 26th - Kids
Scavenger Hunt



Stray & Feral Cats—Continued efforts to decrease numbers in Fosston

The City has received an increased amount of reports of stray and feral cats in Fosston. The City is working with Animal Control in Bagley to capture stray and feral cats in the City. If you have a cat for a pet, please keep your pet in your home or in your yard to ensure that your pet isn't captured by animal control. Thank you.

Please be respectful of neighbors and do not allow your pets to wander into others yards.

All dogs and cats should be licensed with the City of Fosston at a fee of \$5. Simply bring proof of rabies and distemper vaccine to license your pet at City Hall.

Online Payment Processing

Online payments are easy and free! You will see this image on our home page of www.fosston.com Simply click on the image and you will be directed to a payment page to immediately process payment for your utility bill. Or simply scan the QR code below with your smart phone to be automatically directed to the payment page.



City Burn Site

The City of Fosston's burn site is open to City of Fosston residents for dumping of leaves, branches, grass clippings or garden materials only. No bags or boxes, please take these home with you. Concrete, asphalt and other construction materials or garbage is not allowed.

City sanitation crews pickup brush and bagged leaves at the curbside Spring, Summer, and Fall. If you have brush that you would like picked up at your curbside, call City Hall at 435-1959, and we will let our sanitation crew know.

2020 Elections

All registered voters in the City of Fosston should have received a mailing from Polk County Elections office with an absentee ballot application enclosed.

The City of Fosston will still hold primary and general elections at the polling place located at the Embassy Community Center, 603 3rd St NE.

You, as voters, are being offered absentee ballot applications for both the primary and general elections in an effort to reduce community spread of COVID-19 by limiting the number of people showing up at the polls on election day.

Both options are still available for Fosston registered voters: Vote via absentee ballot or vote in person at the polling place.

The primary election is Tuesday, August 11th with polls open in Fosston at 7am and closing at 8pm.

The general election is Tuesday, November 3rd with polls open in Fosston at 7am and closing at 8pm.

The option for voting absentee is available for both elections. Please call City Hall with any questions. 218-435-1959. Thank you.