

Fosston CITY NEWS

MARCH 2025

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



KIRBY VOSSLER

Department: Communications

Date started at city: Feb 2025

Favorite part working at the city: "This is a new adventure for me! I'm excited to help bring the community together by planning events and improving how the city connects with residents through social media, the website, and the community voice app."

Kirby in a Few Words: artist, coach, director, teacher, mom and wife.

Hobbies/activities: In the summer, you'll probably find Kirby soaking up the sunshine. She's also passionate about community involvement, whether it's through coaching, volunteering, or bringing people together through her creative work.

Motto: "Kindness and grace go a long way."

Let's Talk Trash: New Garbage Cans Are Here!

We're excited that our new wheeled garbage cans have arrived and are being delivered to our residents! These new cans will make trash day easier and safer for both you and our sanitation crew. Here's some fast facts to know about using your new can:

What to Do:

- **LOCATION:** *Place your can at the same location your trash was picked up before*
- **KEEP THE AREA CLEAR:** *Make sure there's nothing blocking the can, like parked cars or other obstacles. We need to give our truck enough space to lift the can safely.*
- **NEED REPAIRS?:** *If your new can breaks or gets damaged, just call City Hall! We'll swap it out for a new one.*

What Not to Do:

- **DON'T OVERFILL THE CAN:** *The new cans hold as much as three regular trash cans, so no need to pack them too full! We ask you bring any excess you may have to the Polk County transfer station on the west side of town at no cost.*
- **NO OTHER CANS:** *While we can still pick up small bags left on the berm, we can't pick up individual cans that aren't compatible with the truck's lifter system.*

The new cans come as part of a small rate increase of \$1.50 per month to help cover their cost. This change helps keep our sanitation team safe by using the lifter system to handle the cans.

Thank you for your cooperation in making this transition smooth and easy! If you have any questions, feel free to give city hall a call—we're here to help!

March is Severe Weather Preparedness Month



As winter fades and spring approaches, Minnesota enters a season where severe weather can strike at any time.

Be Prepared for Any Storm

◇ **Blizzards & Ice Storms** – Heavy snowfall, high winds, and ice can cause dangerous travel conditions and power outages. Keep an emergency supply kit in your home and vehicle.

◇ **Thunderstorms & Tornadoes** – Spring storms can bring damaging winds, hail, and even tornadoes. Stay weather-aware by signing up for emergency alerts.

Build Your Emergency Kit

A good emergency kit should include:

- Flashlights & extra batteries
- Non-perishable food & bottled water
- First-aid supplies & necessary medications
- Battery radio or NOAA weather radio
- Extra blankets & warm clothing
- Emergency power bank & phone charger

Taking a few simple steps now can make all the difference when severe weather strikes. Stay safe and be prepared, Fosston.

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule Protection Ends April 30th

If you are struggling to pay your utility bills this winter and have not arranged a payment plan with Fosston Municipal Utilities, your service may be disconnected on May 1st.

Assistance may be available through state or federal fuel assistance programs. To check eligibility and apply, contact: Inter County Community Council: 218-796-5144 or Polk County Social Services: 435-1585

If you do not qualify for assistance, please reach out to Fosston Municipal Utilities at 435-1737 by April 26th to set up a payment plan.

REMEMBER:

CHANGE THE CLOCKS, CHANGE THE BATTERIES!

The time change is a great time to change the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home, which should be done twice a year.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Prairie Pines Childcare Center
Lead teacher and Summer School Age Program lead teacher.

Summer Rec

Baseball/softball/teeball coaches. (see Karen at Civic Center for more info).

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7 **SCOTT JASMIN CONCERT**
(Aurora Center) 7PM

10 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**
(City Hall) - 7PM

APRIL 2025

26 **COMMUNITY CONCERT**
Jonny Holm Band
(Ventures) 7pm Doors Open

CONTACT THE CITY

Police/Fire emergency: 911
Police non-emergency: 218-435-6611
General Information: 218-435-1959
City Hall Hours: 8:00-4:30 M-F

