

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FOSSTON, POLK COUNTY MINNESOTA
MAY 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the council of the City of Fosston, Polk County Minnesota was held in council chambers on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Offerdahl with the following members present: Veum, Ehlke and Lambert. Member Absent: Carlson. Also present was Chief Deputy Tadman, Pat Hanlon and Lee Cariveau.

Motion was made by Veum seconded by Ehlke to approve the agenda with no modifications. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

- A) To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 15, 2013; the Board of Review meeting held May 1, 2013 and the special meeting held May 6, 2013 as per copies furnished each member.
- B) To approve Accounts Payable Bill Listing #13-05 in the amount of \$94,535.15 and AP Bill Listing #13-05A in the amount of \$40,684.73

COMMITTEES/BOARDS/COMMISSION:

Law Enforcement: Chief Deputy Tadman was present to discuss law enforcement matters.

- There has been a lot of activity in Fosston. Vandalism and car thefts are up.
- Law enforcement did a lock down drill with the Fosston Schools.
- There is more visibility in the schools also.

Streets/Sanitation/Utilities: No report.

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

- A copy of the summer rec. program was given to each council member. The rates are the same and the hot dog bash will be on Wednesday evening.
- Staff was hired for the summer rec. and aquatics summer programs.
- A bid for a mower was reviewed by the council. This is a Husqvarna from Rosebud with a 52" mower and an industrial deck. The cost is \$3,035.25. After discussion motion was made by Lambert seconded by Veum to approve the purchase of a Husqvarna lawnmower for \$3,035.25 from Fosston Tri-Co-op Cenex. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The lease between the Civic Center and School is up for renewal. After review and discussion, motion was made by Lambert seconded by Veum to approve the lease agreement with the School at the same rate as the past year - \$84,638.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Lucken will take a copy of this agreement to the school for its board review and approval.

Hospital: Administrator Lucken reported that the hospital has hired a new administrator who will start on the 10th after Pat Wangler retires.

City Bus: The City received a request from Relay for Life to have the City bus run from 6 to 11 p.m. on June 21st. One question is how many people would actually ride the bus during the event. The city would have to pay the driver overtime for this. It was noted that the churches pay for the Sunday bus service and maybe we should be charging organizations accordingly if they want this service outside of regular hours. The rate for churches is \$36/hour. This will be discussed further.

Community/Economic Development: Administrator Lucken reported on community/economic development matters:

- The public hearing for the business subsidy for the woolen mill will be on Monday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m.
- The status of the Mobil property was discussed. Any costs the city incurs at this time will be paid by the seller from the proceeds of the sale. The main reason the city is involved in this property is due to the underground tanks being there.

Airport:

- Lucken will contact Rustad Plumbing to have a toilet replaced at the airport.

Star Committee: Laurel Skala reported on Star Committee activities:

- Welcome signs at the south and east entrances to Fosston are beginning to show their wear. Sample signs were presented to the council for review. After further discussion, motion was made by Veum seconded by Lambert to authorize the Star Committee to purchase new welcome signs not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council considered the Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Council Member Phil Ehlke and Declaring that a Vacancy exists on the Fosston City Council. After discussion and accepting Ehlke's resignation with regrets, member Veum introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL
MEMBER EHLKE AND DECLARING THAT A VACANCY EXISTS ON
THE FOSSTON CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 13-13**

WHEREAS, Fosston City Council Member Phil Ehlke was elected to a four-year term of office at the City General Election on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Ehlke has submitted his resignation, effective June 1, 2013, as a member of the Fosston City Council;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fosston hereby accepts the resignation of Council Member Ehlke, effective June 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fosston declares that a vacancy exists on the Council as of June 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor will recommend appointment of an individual to fill the unexpired term of Council Member Ehlke for consideration by the City Council at the regular Council meeting on _____, 2013.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Offerdahl and upon vote being taken thereon the following members voted in favor thereof: Veum, Offerdahl, Ehlke and Lambert.

and the following voted against same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared adopted by the Fosston City Council this 13th day of May, 2013.

James Offerdahl, Mayor

Attest:

Charles Lucken, City Administrator

Mayor Offerdahl then presented Councilman Ehlke with a plaque and thanked him for his eleven years of service to the City of Fosston.

Consider Ordinance Authorizing and Regulating the Conduct of Lawful Gambling Within the City of Fosston. Tabled.

Consider Ordinance Authorizing the Keeping of Chickens with the City of Fosston. Tabled.

Member Veum introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS
TO NORTHERN MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY
RESOLUTION 13-14**

WHEREAS, the City of Fosston has joined eleven other cities in Northern Minnesota and North Dakota to form the Northern Municipal Power Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that David Larson be appointed to represent the City of Fosston and Charles Lucken be appointed to represent the Fosston Municipal Utilities Commission in the Northern Municipal Power Agency for the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

The motion for the adoption was duly seconded by member Ehlke and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Veum, Ehlke, Lambert and Offerdahl.

And the following voted against same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared passed and adopted this 13th day of May, 2013.

James Offerdahl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Charles Lucken, City Administrator

Motion was made by Ehlke seconded by Veum to approve the LMCIT Property/Casualty Insurance Premium for 2013/2014 in the amount of \$75,886. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Veum seconded by Ehlke to accept the proposal from Landmark Environmental for Oversight during Tank Removal at Harry & Lloyds Service (Mobil Station) at a cost of \$3,640.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The cost will be paid from proceeds of the sale of the property.

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

Charles Lucken, City Administrator