

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FOSSTON, POLK COUNTY MINNESOTA
November 27, 2017

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the Council of the City of Fosston, Polk County Minnesota was held in council chambers on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Offerdahl with the following members present: Veum, Hoialmen, Anderson, and Dufault. Others present: Charles Lucken, David Larson, Cassie Heide, and Lee Cariveau.

Mayor Offerdahl stated the purpose of the meeting is to continue review of the Preliminary Engineering Report from WSN to identify an Improvement project for 2018. And to review the preliminary plant for the Aspen property; to finalize design for plat.

Lee Cariveau was present and presented an updated preliminary engineering report. Cariveau reported that himself, Larson and Lyseng had some discussion regarding the needs of projects for 2018.

There was some discussion regarding improvements at the Berge Stafford Pond. Cariveau reported that he spoke with some other government agencies regarding what can be done and has confirmed that the pond is non-regulated. Some of the watersheds have been contacted regarding possible improvements to the pond. Larson thinks that a hydraulic study is necessary before any kind of work can begin. It was the consensus of the council that this will not be a project that will be done in 2018, but that council should continue to explore options for improvement of the Berge Stafford Pond.

The issue of water seeping into Kingo Lutheran Church has been brought to the council's attention. Cariveau reported that two catch basins; one on Johnson Ave North, and one on 3rd St NE. could be installed to help detour water from Kingo Church's entrance. Cariveau reported that included in his engineering report is estimated at approximately \$20,000. The price for two storm drains wouldn't be double, as the price would go down with more work to be done. Offerdahl and the council feel that this is important to at least try to alleviate the issues that the church is having. Council requested that this work be done as an alternate to a chosen street/utility project.

Larson reported that if the Aspen property is going to be developed sooner than later, then the city needs to install a minimum six-inch water main on Eaton Ave. N. from 8th St. NE to the new development. Cariveau has included in his report cost estimates for sanitary sewer, water mains and street reconstruction on Eaton Ave. N. from 8th St. NE to the new Aspen development. Approximate cost (based on last year's median bid numbers) is \$200,000 per block. It was the consensus of the Council to upgrade the sanitary sewer, water main and reconstruct the street on Eaton Ave. N. from 8th St. NE to the Aspen property line. It was also decided to install new sanitary sewer, water main and street one block into the Aspen property to allow for development of four lots. Cariveau estimated the cost of the proposed project to be \$400,000 to

\$500,000.

Lucken provided projected tax levies based on current debt and potential future debt to each member. Lucken reported that some of this project could be internally financed allowing for deferment of principal payments for a year or two.

There are some spot repairs that need to be done in 2018. Larson and Cariveau agree that Brandt Ave manhole and the intersection at Ultima Bank and Dollar General need to be repaired as soon as possible. Council agreed that they should be included in the project for 2018.

Cariveau will put these spots in his design and have the plans ready for Council approval at the February 12, 2018 meeting.

Lucken advised the council that Rick Bjornerud is selling his home and shop on 8th St. NE. Bjornerud would consider an off from City for the parcel that his shop sits on. This property is directly across from tax forfeited property that the City just acquired and would be beneficial for placement of future multi-use path.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Veum to offer Bjornerud \$8,000 for Parcel No. 87-00437. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the council, motion was made by Anderson seconded by Hoialmen to adjourn. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Charles Lucken, City Administrator