

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT
CITY COUNCIL/FOSSTON UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF FOSSTON, POLK COUNTY MINNESOTA
September 23, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special joint meeting of the City Council and the Fosston Utilities Commission of the City of Fosston, Polk County Minnesota was held in Council Chambers on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Offerdahl called the meeting to order with the following members present: Hoialmen, Anderson, Bosselman, and Dufault. Member absent: none. Utilities Commission chairman Lofstrand called the meeting to order with the following Utilities Commission members present: Offerdahl. Others in attendance were: City Administrator Chuck Lucken, Assistant City Administrator Cassie Heide, Director of Public Works David Larson, Assistant Director of Public Works Steven Lyseng, Mark Hallan, PE, Widseth Smith Nolting, and Lee Cariveau or Widseth Smith Nolting.

Mayor Offerdahl explained the purpose of the meeting is to discuss industrial and significant user pretreatment agreements in connection with the wastewater expansion planning.

Mark Hallan, PE, Widseth Smith Nolting informed the council and commission that he continues to review the current conditions of the industrial pretreatment facility and wastewater facilities in Fosston. There is a current wastewater treatment agreement between Minnesota Dehydrated Vegetables, Inc and the City of Fosston from 2008. This agreement should be modified.

Other significant users like J. Rettenmaier USA LLP and Specialty Products will be reviewed to ensure they are complying with a significant user agreement where necessary.

A first draft will be developed before the next regular City council meeting. The draft agreement could be sent to MDV, Specialty Products and J. Rettenmaier USA LLP for review and comments but should ultimately be adopted and executed by the end of 2019.

Hallan will consider MDV's expansion plans in the agreements. This industry will have to do more screening in order to make their processes equitable and keep their wastewater fees down.

Mayor Offerdahl explained that the City needs to be assured that it can handle the additional loading and that the ponds going septic is not an option.

Mayor Offerdahl explained the desire of the City to hold an informational meeting with residents in Brandsvold township adjacent to the current wastewater facilities who have expressed their opposition to any improvements. An informational meeting will be scheduled in October where alternatives for the proposed wastewater expansion will be shared with the residents. Halland and Cariveau will work with staff to identify an appropriate time.

There being no further business to come before the joint meeting motion was made by Anderson seconded by Hoialmen to adjourn the council meeting. Motion was made by Offerdahl seconded by Lofstrand to adjourn the Fosston Utilities Commission meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Charles Lucken, City Administrator