



Fosston

CITY NEWS

October 2025

DID YOU KNOW??

Minnesota law requires drivers to stop for pedestrians at **every crosswalk or intersection** – marked or unmarked.

With students walking to and from school each day, **please slow down, stay alert, and give them the right-of-way.**

Please Don't Mow or Blow Leaves into the Street

Depositing grass clippings, leaves, or other yard waste on city streets is unsafe, harms water quality, and violates city ordinance. When left on the street, yard waste clogs storm drains and releases phosphorus, which pollutes lakes and rivers, causing algae blooms and fish kills.

- Brush and leaves can be taken to the Fosston burn site at the north end of Granum.
- OR you can call City Hall at 218-435-1959 or fill out brush form on fosston.com to schedule collection. Please bag leaves and set them at the curb for pick up.

Thank you for helping keep Fosston clean and our waterways healthy!

2026 Budget & Levy Information

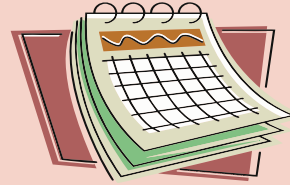
Each fall, the City of Fosston adopts its preliminary budget and property tax levy for the coming year. The levy is the portion of property taxes used to fund local services and improvements.

For 2026, the City Council approved a general fund budget of \$5.37 million with revenues of \$5.39 million, leaving a small surplus of \$22,780. About \$3 million of this budget is dedicated to an airport taxi lane project, which is being funded 95% by the FAA and MnDOT Aeronautics. Property taxes will provide \$280,502 toward City services, a 6.7% increase from 2025. The total preliminary levy certified to Polk County is \$572,638, an 8% increase from last year. For the average homeowner, that means a \$100,000 home will pay \$325.92 in City property taxes in 2026— only about \$27 more than last year.

When a levy increases, it does not automatically mean the City collects more money from every property owner. If the overall tax base grows—for example, when new homes are built, improvements are made, or property sells at a higher value—the cost is shared across more value, helping reduce the impact on individual taxpayers.

While property taxes are important, they cover only a portion of the City's total budget. Additional funding from state and federal programs helps support airport improvements, law enforcement, fire protection, and other community needs. The City remains committed to careful budgeting and making the most of every dollar to provide strong services while keeping the tax burden manageable for residents.

UPCOMING EVENTS



October 12

City Wide Power Outage · 2AM - 10AM (approx.)
Minnkota Maintenance & Update

October 13

City Council Meeting · 7 PM · City Hall · Open to the public.

October 18

Sketches of Minnesota: Civic Improv Comedy Tour
5-8:30 PM · Firefly Center for Arts & Wellbeing
Dinner & improv comedy celebrating community.
Cost: Free (registration required) - register at fireflycenter.org

November 1

Fall Craft Show at FHS

November 10

City Council Meeting · 7 PM · City Hall · Open to the public.

November 11

Veterans Day · City Office Closed

November 21

Light Up the Night/ Lefse Fest - Shops open late. Lefse at Civic Center 5-7PM

November 27 & 28

Thanksgiving Break · City Office Closed

November 30

Daisy Hagen Auction for the Arts · 1-4PM · Aurora Center for the Arts

- **Fosston Municipal Utilities Helpful Reminders**
- Bills are due by the 20th of each month
- Pay by cash, check, or card (small fee for cards)
- Ask about a payment plan if you fall behind
- Reconnection is possible. A fee of \$25 for disconnect and \$25 reconnect.
- The Cold Weather Rule (Oct-Apr) helps protect customers from heat shut-off
- Unpaid balances may be added to property taxes for collection
- Need help with payments? Energy assistance is available through Inter-County Community Council

Find details & current rates at www.fosston.com or City Hall



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**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

