

Falls City responds well to power grid issues

**(KLZA)-- City officials in Falls City are considering Tuesday to have been a win for the community.**

**With overnight wind chills of 30-below zero and lower, Omaha Public Power District told Falls City officials Tuesday morning they would cut the power supply to the community leaving Falls City to provide all the power for utility customers.**

**During the Tuesday night City Council meeting, City Administrator Gary Jorn discussed the situation with the Council, noting that with everyone's cooperation Falls City Utilities were able to keep all customers online without have to use rolling blackouts.**

**Industrial customers in Falls City agreed to shut down production for the day on Tuesday and Jorn said businesses in Falls City were also part of the solution to keeping the lights and the heaters running with no interruptions when they agreed to cut back on the use of power.**

**Jorn said praised the power plant workers, city line crew and waste water treatment plant staff for working diligently to keep everything running.**

**Jorn mentioned that city officials are going to meet Thursday to review the situation looking for ways to better respond to the situation if the need were to arise again.**

**City Utility Superintendent Ray Luhning said Falls City is fortunate to have the equipment and capability to generate enough power locally to keep the city running. He credited City leaders for their foresight to invest in having local electrical generation equipment.**

**The city is asking that utility customers continue conserving energy as the cold temperatures continue.**

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