

Expensive repair project necessary for Falls City water system

(KLZA)-- The Falls City Council approved a professional services agreement with Olsson for improvements at the Water Plant in Rulo when they met March 2.

The Board of Public Works recommended approval of the \$97-thousand engineering contract that will eventually result in a new Clarifier at the Water Plant.

Utility Superintendent Ray Luhring informed the Council that despite recent upgrades, the contraflow, which helps soften the water, take out solids and add lime has outlived it's expected lifespan by 25 years.

The project will not only be time consuming, but expensive. It take approximately 30 weeks to get the new equipment delivered and the cost for the Clarifier alone is approximately \$300-thousand. In addition, a new building to house the machinery will be required.

The project design will need to be approved by the State of Nebraska since the City water is regulated by the State.

Falls City has worked with the Olsson company several times in the past with good results. They also work well with the State and will assist in finding funding for the project.

In a letter to the Council, Luhring estimated construction would being in the fall of 2020 and take a year to complete.

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