

Sales tax increase proposal moves forward in Falls City

(KLZA)-- The Falls City Council voted unanimously Monday night to have City Attorney Mike Dunn draft an ordinance to increase the city sales tax by one-half percent for a period of 10 years.

Ward IV Council member Derrick Leyden who proposed the plan to help pay for a proposed downtown electrical infrastructure upgrade with a price tag in excess of \$30-million said the city has the ability to increase the city sales tax by one-half of a percent to two percent. By law, the increase could only be for a 10-year period.

Once the ordinance is written, it must be approved by the Council and would then go before the voters in Falls City in the May, 2022, primary election.

The added sales tax money would only pay for a portion of the proposed upgrades. Other funding could include bonding and rate increases.

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