

Council approves wind energy ban

**(KMZA)--The Seneca City Council has approved an ordinance amending the city zoning code to prohibit commercial /utility grade wind turbines within the city's zoning jurisdiction.**

**The action came on an unanimous vote Wednesday evening after the Council held an executive session with City Attorney Martin Mishler for attorney-client privilege to discuss legal questions.**

**The Council had tabled action on the ordinance at their August 3 meeting to allow a review of information presented by rural Seneca resident Laurie Schmelzle during the public comment portion of the meeting and to seek input from Mishler.**

**The amendment to the zoning code was recommended by the city Planning Commission following a public hearing held on July 21.**

**The ordinance will take effect after its publication in the Seneca newspaper.**

**Currently, wind energy systems are permitted as a conditional use in areas with a transitional Ag zoning classification.**

**The change was proposed based on input from the city's FlashVote public surveys.**

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