

Falls City grant application unsuccessful

(KLZA)-- Falls City Utility Superintendent Ray Luhring informed the City Council Wednesday evening that a grant application the city had made, to help pay for a significant portion of the electrical distribution system upgrade project has been denied.

Luhring said the city is waiting to find out what areas of the application might have held down the score to receive the grant funding.

Luhring said despite not receiving the grant, the Board of Public Works wants the project with a price tag of \$4,965,000 to move forward. Preliminary work on the project has been done.

Luhring said the Board of Public Works wanted confirmation from the City Council on the project moving forward and how to pay for it. The City will continue to research options on how to pay for the upgrades.

A half-cent sales tax approved by Falls City voters in May will be collected beginning October 1.

During the Mayors report Wednesday evening, Mayor Shawna Bindle announced she was looking for persons to serve on a Community Infrastructure Committee, which will help determine how the additional sales tax funds are spent.

The electrical upgrades would provide a significant improvement to the city's electrical distribution system.

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