

Falls City Council approves street plan

(KLZA)-- The Falls City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed 1 & 6 Year Street Plan when they met Monday evening.

Craig Reinsch with Olsson provided a proposed 1 & 6 Year Plan that included seven projects on the 1-year-plan with projected costs of \$1,868,000. Those projects include 33rd Street which is already underway; Tiger Trail from Abbott Street to a Cul-De-Sac. Milling and overlaying an existing private road from Highway 73 east to Fulton Street for approximately 1,100 feet; Extending Abbott Street from 28th Street to new 31st Street. Removing existing brick surfacing and replacing with 6 inches of concrete on 14th Street from Stone to Harlan and removing the existing road surface and putting down 6-inches of asphalt from Highway 73, east to Fulton Street and then north approximately 600 feet.

The 6-Year plan once again included the hard surfacing of 21st Street from Fair Avenue to Business Parkway and north to Brenner Field. This is a project that has been part of the street plan for more than three decades.

City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum presented a letter from Sarah Bangert who lives along that stretch of road, encouraging the hard surfacing be done on the project noting the safety issue for her children and the amount of traffic on the road, including it being an emergency route to the nursing home and for emergency vehicles needing to life flight patients.

Richardson County would be responsible for \$770 thousand worth of work to complete the project.

Council member Derek Leyden said he feels if the project is to ever be done, the City will likely have to annex the road into the city limits.

Brad Ahern who manages Brenner Field said he was interested to hear any updates on what he calls a bad road.

The City share of that project is \$518 thousand with a total cost of \$1,295,000.

Following the public hearing, the Council voted to approved the 1 & 6 Year Plan, but added a project to hard surface McLean Street from 28th Street to 35th Street, a project recommended by Council member Joe Buckminster. He said he feels if you live in the city limits of Falls City, you should not be having to drive on a gravel road.

The Council voted 7-0 to approve the plan with the additional project.

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