Falls City Council approves event requests

(KLZA)-- The Falls City Council approved requests to close Stone Street from 14th - 15th Street June 9 for the Tanner Shelby Merz Foundation "Smokin on the Bricks" event that day.

Also approved was closing the 1500 block of Stone Street July 8 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. for a Lemonade Days Event sponsored by the Falls City Chamber.

The annual request for street closures and use of miscellaneous city amenities for the Cobblestone Festival August 24 - 27 was also approved.

The Council approved appointments of Joe Froeschl to the Park Board; the reappointment of Tim Heckenlively and appointment of John McNeely to the Library Board.

John Rieger was appointed to a 4-year term on the Board of Public Works. He will replace Merle Veigel who decided he did not want to be reappointed after serving nearly 35 years on the Board.

The Council also approved a resolution to abate a nuisance at 1215 Chase Street. Assistant City Attorney Tracy Burns said the nuisance is the outside the house, including vehicles and items on the front porch, and not the home itself.

Burns said the property owner has not made an attempt to clean up around the property since a letter was sent about clearing the nuisances in March.

To date 47 vacant properties have been registered under the Vacant Properties & Abatement / Demolition Program. Property owners not in compliance within 180 days of registering those properties will start receiving the first round of fees imposed on the property of \$250 for residential sites and \$500 for commercial buildings.

The City anticipates imposing over \$12 thousand in fees during this fiscal year.

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