

Food truck vendor addresses Seneca City Council

(KMZA)--A Seneca business owner who operates a mobile food truck addressed the City Council when they met last week regarding proposed changes to the city's food truck ordinance.

Samantha Phelps, owner/operator of Farm Berry Kitchen, addressed the Council during the public comment portion of the meeting.

As part of her new business, Phelps operates a mini food truck.

A local resident voiced concerns at the Council's January 15 meeting about her food truck being operated on Main Street during business hours and requested changes be made to the city's ordinance to limit their hours of operation.

Phelps said she had received permission from a downtown business owner to set up her food truck in front of his business and followed the required guidelines.

She said she believes the concerns voiced were a result of a " misunderstanding" of the stringent guidelines food trucks must follow to legally operate.

Phelps urged the Council not to place restrictions on the hours food trucks can operate. She said the city doesn't dictate the hours other businesses can operate.

Later in the meeting, City Administrator Steve Brooks suggested an amendment to the city's food truck ordinance that would keep them off Main Street. However, he said a temporary permit could be obtained for a special event.

The Council took no action.

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