

Falls City Council Meeting For The Birds

Sometimes a meeting just goes to the birds! That was the case Monday night at the Falls City Council meeting when the agenda item concerning the trees on the south side of the Falls City Library along 14th Street were discussed.

The problem is not the trees, it is the Starlings that roost in those four trees at night.

City Administrator Gary Jorn put a request on the agenda to remove the trees which did not seem to be popular among the Council members or the audience members. Jorn talked about the problem. (play audio :27 seconds)

Bruce Walker, a member of the City Tree Board was obviously against the idea of cutting down the trees said he did not see a problem that could not be handled. (play audio :17 seconds)

Jorn explained other problems the birds are creating. (play audio :08 seconds)

Council member Jerry Oliver said he had taken a look at the problem. (play audio :25 seconds)

At this point of the discussion, a number of ideas were suggested on how to get rid of the birds beginning with Walker. (play audio :11 seconds)

Councilman Hal Sutter says he has dealt with a similar problem prior to this. (play audio :26 seconds)

Councilman Jim Wisdom talked about an experience he had when visiting Holdrege, Nebraska. (play audio :29 seconds)

Councilman Ryan Rieschick said that he did not think cutting down the trees at the library would solve the bird problems. (play audio :14 seconds)

Following nearly 10 minutes of ideas and debate, the Council voted to table the matter until someone comes up with a plan to help get rid of the birds.

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