

Alcohol Consumption in Falls City Park Receives Initial Approval

(KLZA)-- Falls City Council members have voted to allow the consumption of alcohol at Stanton Lake Park by those camping and those who lease Candlelight Cabin.

Councilman Don Ferguson proposed the change during Monday night's Council meeting. Ferguson said he doubts if most of the campers even know alcohol is not permitted in the park, noting it is not listed on the entrance sign.

Ferguson noted campers are allowed to consume alcohol in Nebraska State Parks and suggested the change be made to allow it in confined areas.

Councilman John Vaughn noted that alcohol is not allowed on City property currently despite a policy change in recent years allowing special designated liquor licenses at Prichard Auditorium. Vaughn asked if alcohol is approved at Stanton Lake Park, will it be then be allowed for every park in town?

Ferguson said he had visited with residents in the neighborhood who said they had no issue with the change. Ferguson suggested amending the cabin rental agreement and camper permits to not where alcohol consumption would be allowed.

The proposal to allow alcohol consumption by campers and those renting Candlelight Cabin passed 5-2 with Vaughn and Councilperson Judy Murphy casting nay votes.

Councilman Mike Dougherty was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Jerry Oliver said the proposal would now go to the City Attorney for his opinion.

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