

Curbside trash proposal fails

(KLZA)--Lots of discussion but no action Monday night on a proposal to draft an ordinance creating curb side trash pick-up in Falls City.

First Ward Council member Don Ferguson put the proposal on the agenda. He told the Council he receives complaints about the conditions of alley's and that most of the damage is attributed to trash trucks.

Ferguson said he thought maybe the city crews time would be better spent maintaining streets than alley's and it could lead to a savings on gravel and upkeep. Ferguson told the Council and the audience he was interested in hearing what others thought of the proposal.

Fourth Ward Council member Derek Leyden said he talked with Mark and Bill Harkendorff who operate Falls City Sanitation. They were against the proposal, saying such a change would create quite an ordeal to change the routes they run.

Leyden said he does not have a flat spot to set trash cans at his home and said there would be quite a few homes with similar issues because they don't have driveways.

Among the audience members was Eleanor Last who spoke against the proposal, suggesting the current system works well and felt it would be difficult for senior citizens to get the trash to the curb.

Lawrence Kirkendall raised concerns about the proposal as well, asking who is going to pickup the trash that blows down the street when the wind blows over the light plastic trash cans that would be used?

Following the discussion, the proposal died for lack of a motion.