

Falls City parking proposal dies

**(KLZA)--A proposal to create an ordinance to restrict off-street parking on certain sides of streets in Falls City dies for lack of a motion during Monday nights Falls City Council meeting.**

**The idea was proposed during the April 1, Council meeting after a Falls City Volunteer Fire Department truck had difficulty reaching its destination due to cars being parked directly across the street from one another.**

**Second Ward Council member Kaylie Ractliffe provided information she gathered concerning the width of streets, most vehicles and emergency vehicles. Most emergency vehicles, including fire trucks and ambulances require about a 10-foot-wide opening. With a majority of the city streets at 24.5 feet wide, and cars averaging about 6.5 feet of width, that should leave enough room for the emergency vehicles to pass.**

**City Administrator Gary Jorn said most city streets are 24-and-a-half feet wide, while there are a few that are narrower. He suggested you would have to go through the city and determine which streets are narrower and then pass parking legislation.**

**Mayor Bindle noted traditionally, there have not been problems with emergency vehicles being blocked by parked vehicles. She felt the Council needed to consider it was the first time such a situation has occurred.**

**Fourth Ward Council member Derek Leyden felt a city-wide blanket policy was not a good idea following an isolated incident, noting that there are quite a few homes in his Ward that do not have driveways and he did not want to put a burden on people of having to carry groceries or young children, perhaps in inclement weather a half-block or more because someone was parked in front of their homes.**

**Following discussion there were no motions was made to move the proposal forward.**

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