Neighbors bring complaints to City Council

(KLZA)—Several neighbors of a house located at 1916 McClean Street in Falls City voiced concerns about trash piling up, tall weeks, rodents and dogs during Monday nights City Council meeting.

Becky Holt who lives across the alley called the house a disaster, noting it has been a longtime problem location. Holt alleged the house creates rodent problems and that several dogs are on the property, and that at one point it had raw sewage in the basement.

Falls City Police Chief Duane Armbruster agreed it is a frustrating problem. He said the Police Department does what it can in responding to numerous nuisance complaints to the property. Armbruster said the Police Department wrote four nuisance tickets in 2018, three more so farm this year with two of the citations being active. He also said the residents have been cited three times for the dogs.

Mayor Shawna Bindle said there is a process the City must follow even though it can be frustrating.

Ward I Council member Don Ferguson suggested those concerned should show a united effort by going to court when the violators appear and speak to the Judge who hands down discipline.

Neighbor Heather Gill, suggested the property owners should be held accountable when their tenants don't comply with city codes and ordinances, and suggested the house should be condemned. Gill said she would not let her dogs live in that house, let alone her children.

The Council took no action on the agenda item.

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