

Wilderness Falls Project III in Falls City moving forward

(KLZA)-- During the February 21 meeting of the City Council in Falls City, Administrator Anthony Nussbaum updated the Council on a number of topics.

Nussbaum says Excel Development has informed the City that they have received confirmation of additional funding for a third addition of duplexes on the north edge of Falls City. He noted meetings will be occurring and that the City had previously agreed to cover a portion of the street costs for the development.

It was also noted in the report that Building Inspector Blake Buckminster, is looking into the feasibility of amending the city code to allow tiny homes. The City has received multiple requests for tiny homes from citizens and individuals looking to develop lots.

Falls City has also received confirmation of the awarding of a \$50 thousand grant to be used for a new Police SSV Cruiser that is currently being built at the factory. The total purchase price is \$67 thousand. The grant application was approved by the Council in October of last year.

Nussbaum also noted the 2023 municipal improvement bonds have been finalized and the City received the payment of \$3 million which was the balance of the funding needed to complete the 2023 Electrical Infrastructure Improvement project.

The crankshaft has been installed on electrical generator #5 at the City Power Plant. The 1951 engine can generate about 12 percent of the watts needed to power the city. The repair work should be completed in March.

Nussbaum also reported the City is working with EDGE on a plan to renovate the Rivoli Theater building as a performance venue. Mitch Glaeser is the owner of the building and has provided verbal notice that he would enter into an agreement to provide the city the space at no cost.

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