

City Council denies zoning change request

(KMZA)--The Seneca City Council has approved a resolution to deny a zoning change request.

The Council took the action when they meet last week on the recommendation of the Seneca Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission held a hearing November 2 on an application filed by Jesus Lozano to rezone two vacant lots on Branch Street between 5th and 6th Streets from single-family residential to multiple family residential.

Seneca City Administrator Steve Brooks said the a large number of residents attended the hearing to voice their opposition to the request.

In other business, the Council voted to change the city employee policy regarding overtime pay on the recommendation of Brooks. He said the city is wasting money when employee's who are on vacation and called out to work.

Brooks informed the Council that the software used by city hall for accounting and other office uses will be putting all the city's information on " the cloud." He said there will be an increase in the annual fee from \$12,000 to \$18,000. The Council approved continuing with G Works for their software on the recommendation of Brooks. He said he looked into other companies and there is no better deal.

Brooks also informed the Council that he had met with County Administrator Mike Miller who requested the city sell some of the property it owns near the fairgrounds rodeo arena. He said some of that property is used after storms for temporary branch storage and also for dumping snow during the city's snow removal times. Mayor Joe Mitchell requested Brooks get more information on the county's proposed use of the property and report back to the Council.

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