

Falls City Council discusses 911 dispatching

(KLZA)--Falls City Council members took no action Monday night following a discussion about a letter received from Richardson County Commissioners in September, notifying the City they were terminating the agreement for the City to provide 911 dispatching services for the county.

The county requested the 911 dispatch equipment be transferred to the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

For about 30 years, the Falls City Police Department has been the designated Public Service Answering Point for 911 calls for most of Richardson County. Several years ago, changes were made so all 911 calls in Richardson County were routed to the Police Department.

Currently, the City is set up with “Enhanced” 911 equipment but equipment for “Next Generation” 911 has been purchased and delivered.

The Council took no action to transfer the 911 equipment to the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center. The City will review all information and re-evaluate the situation in six months.

Richardson County has been paying Falls City in excess of \$120-thousand annually for the 911 Dispatching service and has indicated they will no longer make the payment.

The city is currently receiving surcharge funds from the Public Service Commission for both land lines and wireless phone equipment amounting to just over \$100-thousand annually. There are strict rules on how those funds can be spent.

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