

Falls City Council approves ARPA Funds

**(KLZA)--Falls City Council members approved spending nearly \$345-thousand in American Rescue Plan Act funds on water and wastewater upgrades when they met Monday evening.**

**The scope of where those funds can be spent is extremely limited.**

**Utility Superintendent Ray Luhring said one project coming up will be necessitated by bridge upgrades by the Burlington Northern – Santa Fe Railroad which is replacing two bridges in the Preston area. The City's 20-inch line that carries water from the water plant at Rulo into Falls City is attached to one of the bridges and must be removed.**

**The line must be bored beneath the Nemaha River and the estimate for the work is up to one-million dollars.**

**The water line project will need to be done in the next year.**

**Another project needing to be funded is cleaning out the reed beds at the wastewater treatment plant.**

**The cleanout is overdue and will cost an estimated \$100-thousand if the reeds can be reused. If new reeds that are native to Nebraska are required, the cost of the project could double.**

**The third project is some new lining for manholes and water manes at a cost estimated at \$550-thousand.**

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