

Falls City Council Will Vote on Amendments to Burning Ordinance

An amendment to the ordinance on fire regulations, that would further clamp down on burning trash will be sent to the City Attorney in Falls City. On a 5-3 vote Monday night the Council moved the proposed amendment forward. The public will have a chance to voice their opinions at upcoming Council meetings.

Council members Ryan Rieschick, Steve Scholl and Jim Wisdom casting nay votes to the amendments offered by Councilman Hal Sutter. The amendment would cut the allowed time for burning trash from twice a week between 7 a-m and 7 p-m to Wednesday's only between the hours of 10 a-m and 2 p-m. The amendment would also require fires to be located at least 25 feet from any building, structure, power poles or trees.

In addition, the amendment proposed that an outside fire must be attended by a person at least 16 years of age. Sutter explained. (play audio :24 seconds)

Sutter also included another provision that fires cannot be offensive to others in the area. (play audio :17 seconds)

Voting in favor of the proposal were Council members Brad Campbell, Kirby Roubidoux, Mike Moore, Jerry Oliver and Sutter.

Ryan Rieschick said the timing provision would make it impossible for some to burn their trash. (play audio :27 seconds)

In recent years there have been several proposals to ban the burning of trash in Falls City, but all have failed to completely do away with burning trash. This proposal would greatly diminish the opportunity for those who burn trash.