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Farmers Market, Security Get Support of Council

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SELAH — The Selah Farmers Market and security at City Hall received a boost Tuesday from the Selah City Council.

• The council approved the purchase of a \$14,505 security camera system for City Hall and the library, and it agreed to give \$1,000 to the Farmers Market for advertising.

City officials said there have been no major incidences that caused them to purchase the security system from CCTV of North Bend.

The system is being set up more as a deterrent, particularly since the library remains open in the evening when City Hall offices are closed, City Supervisor Frank Sweet said.

In one recent incident, juveniles involved in a mischievous incident near City Hall later entered the library to avoid detection, Sweet said.

"If they know (the cameras) are there, they're less apt to try things," he said.

The cameras will be mounted inside and outside the building at 115 W. Naches Ave.

In another matter, the city for the first time decided to contribute money to the Farmers Market, an event sponsored by the Selah Chamber of Commerce that occurs every Saturday starting in June and running through October.

The \$1,000 contribution, which required the council to amend the current budget, will likely go for radio advertising, Mayor Bob Jones said.

"It's something to promote the community," Jones said.

The hope is the advertising will bring more people to Selah, Sweet said.

"We thought the publicity coming out of it will be great for Selah," he said.

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