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Silvis buys blinds for council chambers

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SILVIS -- Aldermen on Tuesday approved spending up to \$700 for double-cell insulating window blinds from Quad City Blind for the city's council chamber windows.

Currently, the council chamber's windows have no coverings other than a coating that limits sight from the inside-out during the day and the reverse at night. The latter created a feeling of unease for aldermen who at night meetings could not see if people were on the sidewalk outside chambers, said Ald. Bob Cervantes, 1st Ward.

"Along with trying to keep it a little warmer in here, it does (add more)security," Ald. Cervantes said of the blinds.

Also on Tuesday, city administrator Jim Grafton said the 2010 census numbers show Silvis' population grew 2.9 percent to 7,479, but Rock Island County had an overall decrease of 1.2 percent.

"Up is good," Mr. Grafton said.

As a committee of the whole, aldermen voted to forward the low bid of \$529,245 from Langman Construction for the Fair Acres sewer main extension project to a full council vote on March 1. The original engineering estimate was \$668,495, said Ald. Matt Carter, 2nd Ward.