

Pawnee City street project moves forward

(KLZA)--A year after Pawnee City voters approved an additional half-cent sales tax to pay for a large-scale street improvement project the City Council is pushing the project forward.

Monday night, Council members approved going out for bids for the work. The bids will determine how many blocks the City can afford to overlay.

The Street Project Committee recently met in an attempt to prioritize, which streets are most in need of improvements. \$2.2-million is the most money the City can borrow from the USDA, based on the amount of highway allocation funds the community received annually.

The project is coming up against a costly deadline. December 31st is the deadline to confirm the USDA loan at the current 3.5-percent interest rate. The rate will be changing after the first of the year.

A town-hall meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at City Hall. During the 3 – 6 p.m. open house, representatives from J.E.O. Engineers will have maps to show residents the prioritized streets and answer questions.

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