

Pawnee City Council approves budget

**(KLZA)-- The Pawnee City Council conducted public hearings concerning budget items when they met September 14. No one spoke during the hearings.**

**The final property tax levy was set at 71.12 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. City Clerk Tammy Curtis noted Pawnee City has a 5-cent addition to the levy due to an interlocal agreement with the Pawnee County Sheriff's Department.**

**The Pawnee City levy also includes money for the street improvement project approved by voters.**

**Curtis noted the City property valuation went up five percent, the property tax rate went down four percent and the operating budget is 12 percent lower for the next year.**

**The Council also awarded a bid for the city audit for the next three years. The Julie Bauman CPA firm of Falls City was the only company to submit a bid. The cost will be \$11,200 for the first year, \$11,500 for year two and \$11,700 for the third year of the contract.**

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