

Council Hears Update on Proposed Community Center

**(KLZA)-- The Auburn City Council heard an update on the proposed Community Center during Monday night's Council meeting.**

**Auburn Mayor Scott Kudrna said the conceptual drawings are on display at City Hall and should be up on the Auburn website soon.**

**Auburn voters will be receiving a mail-in ballot next week. The ballots will be mailed out by the Nemaha County Clerk's Office April 17th and must be returned to the office by 5 p.m. May 9th.**

**Mayor Kudrna explained the cost projections for the roughly 20-thousand square foot facility will be \$2.6-million. The annual utility and management costs are estimated at \$39,000. The parking lot and landscaping costs are \$600-thousand and the equipment and furnishings are estimated at \$300-thousand for a total cost of \$3.5-million.**

**Depending on the configuration for the event, seating capacity will range from 504 to more than 1,300.**

**The City of Auburn has an option on property on the north side of Highway 136 near the bowling alley if voters approved the half-cent sales tax increase to pay for the project.**

**Mayor Kudrna says the potential, annual economic impact the building has been estimated by an economist for NPPD. The direct impact for Auburn is estimated at \$330,000 with a secondary impact to other businesses in the community estimated at \$4295,000, making the total annual impact \$825,000.**

**Approximately 2,300 ballots will be mailed out. The County Clerk's Office says it will cost \$3.04 per ballot for the mail-in election versus a cost of \$5.37 per ballot if polling places were to be used.**

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