

Auburn Council Approves Budget

(KTNC) - The Auburn City Council approved the budget Monday night. No one from the public provided input during a public hearing before the budget was approved.

Mayor Scott Kudrna says property valuations increased just six-tenths of a percent, approximately \$735,000, in Auburn. That will translate to about \$3200 more revenue to the city.

The budget includes a modest wage increase of three-percent, amounting to about \$8,000, and Mayor Kudrna says they anticipate an increase of \$4,300 in insurance costs.

He says Auburn brings in about \$1.2 million through local sales and property taxes and gets a little more than \$600,000 from the state and federal governments. The total city operating budget, including bond payments, amounts to approximately \$1.4 million.

Mayor Kudrna says there's about \$350,000 worth of capital improvements included in the budget. That includes paving O and P Streets, repairs to the storm sewer on 9th Street, and replace some computers and other equipment.

Mayor Kudrna says the City of Auburn is in a good position financially. The tax levy in Auburn remains at about 44-cents, where it's been for the last several years.

In other business, the Auburn City Council approved annual dues totaling \$2,000 to the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. The dues the city pays to the Chamber of Commerce are restricted and can be used to promote the town.

The council approved a dress code for the Auburn Library.

They tabled a request from the Garden Club to attach a decorative quilt board to the City Hall Building. Mayor Kudrna explains.

Kudrna says the Garden Club had requested the city attach a barn quilt to City Hall, but the matter was tabled, as no one from the organization was present at Monday's meeting.

Mayor Kudrna says the council also approved a couple CDBG advances, one for downtown revitalization and another for the Owner-Occupied Rehab project.