

Falls City Council Approves Budget

**(KLZA)-- The Falls City Council has approved the fiscal year 2017-18 budget and tax request. The action taking place during the September 18th Council meeting.**

**The total budget is in the neighborhood of \$18-million. The property tax request will be \$681,318 with a property tax levy of 4 7.55-cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, including the airport levy of just over 2-cents.**

**City Administrator Gary Jorn noted the valuation of property in Falls City was up \$1.9-million which is up 1.3 percent. The property tax request is slightly lower than last year.**

**Jorn said quite a few capital improvement requests were cut from the budget.**

**Among the requests approved were:**

**New computer hardware, a new Police Department vehicle; fire safety equipment, Street Department equipment, buildings for the parks department, improvements at the aquatic park bathhouse, fencing at the solid waste facility and \$5,000 for the Emerald Ash Borer issues the City is expecting to have to deal with.**

**Council members voted unanimously to adopt the budget and approve the property tax levy.**

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