

Pawnee City Council discusses budget and new fire hall

**(KLZA)-- Pawnee City Council members received the final draft of the city budget document from CPA Julie Bauman during their Monday evening meeting.**

**The proposed budget of expenditures for the next fiscal year, including payments on the Street Project and the Assisted Living facility is more than \$3.46-million. The proposed property tax levy is 44.9395 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.**

**Council members did approved assessing the 1% additional budget growth rate allowed by the State.**

**The Council will vote on the budget proposal in September.**

**Prior to the regular Council meeting, a special session was held for a public hearing to receive input on whether or not the City should apply for a Community Development Block Grant through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development in an amount of \$435-thousand. The grant funds would be used for acquisition of property, site demolition and construction of a new fire station for the Pawnee City and Pawnee City Rural Fire Departments.**

**During the hearing fire department personnel said they feel with pledges for monetary donations and in-kind services and money from both the Pawnee City and Pawnee City Rural Fire Departments, they believe they can come up with the required \$100-thousand match required for the grant.**

**The council voted to go forward with applying for the grant.**

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