

4.822 mill levy increase expected to be approved

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Tonight's Liberal City Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers will include a second look into the adoption of Ordinance No. 4413, the levying of property tax revenues for budget year 2014 in excess of limitation. Also on the agenda is urban boundary lines; the Mid-America Air Museum; and a pull behind rotary mower for the golf course.



Finance director Chris Ford reported that the public notice for the 2014 budget had been published Aug. 1 with a proposed budget of \$32,735,000. The budget includes a raised levy amount of \$5,481,492 and a mill levy of 47.848 mill increase and an assessed ad valorem tax dollar increase of \$553,205 over last year's amount.

Urban boundary lines is a small change requested by KDOT to update the Urban Area Boundaries (UAB) to the north and south along U.S. Highway 54 in order to be eligible for federal funding. The city needs to approve this change and then the county would need to pass this by a formal resolution.

This item will be presented by Consulting Public Works Director Joe Sealey.

The air museum is requesting the city commission's approval for the replacement of a copier. This item will be presented by Director of Mid-America Air Museum Jim Bert.

Golf course staff is requesting the city's approval to replace their current mower used on irrigated troughs and retention ponds. The current mower is 15 feet and has aged more than 20 years. Golf course director Darrell Kennedy notes that their mower has been difficult to run for the past three years.

It took \$1,800 to fix the mower this year, but it has broken down again. The staff notes that it will cost around \$1,500 for new parts.

The request is to replace their current mower for an eight foot Rhino mower at the cost of \$4,500 from Keating Tractor.