

## **Kuna faces tight budget: City property tax hike is possible**

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Even if the city of Kuna raises property taxes by \$100,000. Even if the city keeps the 75-cents-per-month streetlight fee. Even if the city gives out zero dollars in donations, there are no equipment upgrades, no updating the City Code, no contingency fund, no contract labor, no grant writer, no impact fee study.

Even if the city of Kuna does all of that, it will still only end up with about \$60,000 in its general fund, a paltry sum for a city with a \$13 million budget, according to an exclusive story in this week's Kuna Melba News.

Kuna city officials are in the middle of a series of budget workshops at which they are going over line by line the city's projected revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

City Council members met with city staff Tuesday night to go over general fund revenues and expenditures. The general fund makes up about \$2.6 million of the city's total budget. Other parts of the budget are fee-based funds such as the sewer fund, water fund and pressurized irrigation fund.

You can read more of this story, including details of a possible tax hike, in this week's Kuna Melba News.

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