

Pine Lakes passes 1988 budget that reflects last year's spending levels

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Officials in the city of **Pine Lake** have agreed to spend just over \$230,000 in 1988 - about the same amount the city will spend this year. While most other DeKalb County cities will spend at least \$1 million in 1988, tiny **Pine Lake** plans for its budget to meet the needs of the city's 896 residents, City Council members said after unanimously approving it last week.

The city's tax rate is expected to hold steady at 15 mills next year, thus raising nearly half of the money needed to run the town. An expected \$50,000 in fines - including payments for traffic charges and zoning violations - will cover another hefty chunk of the city's budget.

The city department slated for the biggest increase in expenditures next year is the city's two-member police department. Since **Pine Lake's** police squad now includes a second, full-time officer in addition to the chief, the department is slated to spend \$84,000 next year.

No across-the-board raise is planned for the city's five full-time employees, said council member Charlotte Neil. Instead, city officials will give individual reviews and individual merit raises to the two police officers, the two maintenance workers and City Clerk Judy Griswell.

The city last week agreed to buy a new, \$10,500 police car, but the grey police cruiser will be paid for out of the 1987 budget.

No major capital expenditures are planned for 1988, city officials said.