

Trash issues at city brush pile discussed

(KNZA)--The city of Hiawatha plans to take steps to address a recent increase in trash being dumped at the city brush pile, north of town.

Streets Superintendent Nic Siebenmorgen brought up the issue at Monday evening's City Commission meeting.

Siebenmorgen said they are seeing trash bags, pallets and other trash being dispose of at the dump site located at the city airport.

Under state law, trash is prohibited.

Mayor Bill Collins said as far as he's concerned, they need to lock up the dump site.

But Commissioner Becky Shamburg said she would hate to see city close the site, especially this time of year.

Commissioner Dustin Williams suggested a camera be installed to monitor the site.

In addition, it was suggested that a public notice be issued again reminding residents that only limbs and brush are accepted. Leaves are accepted as well, but need to be dumped from plastic bags.

The city also plans to add language that violators will be prosecuted.

Residents are encouraged report violations to the Hiawatha Police Department.

Mayor Collins noted that the dump could be closed in the future if the rules are not followed.