

City asked to add camping sites at city lake

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha resident wants the city to add camping spots at the city lake.

Donnie Wooddell met with the Hiawatha City Commission Tuesday evening to request the city consider adding camping options at the lake. Wooddell said surrounding communities allow camping or some form of recreation at their lakes.

Mayor Bill Collins said the Commission has been considering it. He said electricity and a location for camping sites is not a problem. However, the city needs to obtain quotes for a holding facility or dumping station for sewage.

Collins said the necessary parties would continue to discuss the idea and work to move forward.

Ben Grove, representing Hiawatha Implement, met with the Commission to discuss concerns about the business burning scrap wood at their location.

Grove said they have been burning clean scrap wood for about 8 years and recently built a burn pit.

He said hauling the scrap wood off site creates a lot of issues.

Grove said he checked with the neighboring property owners and all of them indicated they have no problem with them burning at the site, which he says they do about once a month.

A city ordinance currently prohibits opening burning in the city.

The matter was tabled. Mayor Collins said he would like to see more research done before a change is made.

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