

Hiawatha man seeking zoning change

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha man, whose property was annexed into the city in 2008, is seeking a zoning change so he can continue to have livestock.

Matt Curless, who lives on South 7th Street, appeared before the Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening.

City Attorney Andy Delaney said it was the Commission's intent, when his property was annexed, it be zoned agricultural but somehow it was brought into the city as residential.

Curless said he believes there are others on South 7th Street, whose properties were also annexed, that would like to see their property zoned agricultural.

Delaney said a zoning change would have to be sought through the city Planning Commission, which would then make a recommendation to the city commission.

In other business, the Commission approved a nuisance abatement resolution for property located at 310 Hiawatha Avenue.

Delaney said the city has sought to get the property cleaned up through the Municipal Court system without much success.

The property owner will have 10 days to bring the property into compliance. If not, city crews will clean up the property, with the cost assessed to the property.

The Commission also approved an ordinance requiring that political elections signs placed in city right-of-way not exceed 36 inches in height.

Delaney said the ordinance will bring the city into compliance with state law.

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