

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 election 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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