

City to hold onto old RV park property

(KNZA)--The city of Hiawatha should hold onto the old RV park site on South 1st Street. That was the consensus of the Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening.

Representatives of NEK-CAP appeared before the Commission for an answer on whether the city would allow them to use the site for the construction of a new administration building and Head Start Center.

While saying they would like to see NEK-CAP relocate to town, Commissioners Becky Shamburg, Dave Middendorf and Brian Shefferd said they didn't think the city should give up the land. Concerns were voiced about limiting the land available to the city for future Parks and Recreation projects. In addition, concerns were voiced about having to move the skate park located on the property.

Mayor Bill Collins voiced support for letting NEK-CAP use the property. Also former commissioner Toni Hull appeared before the Commission to voice her support, touting the economic benefits it would bring.

NEK-CAP has been looking for a site in Hiawatha for more than a year, but haven't found anything yet that fits their needs.

City Administrator Mike Nichols recently showed the NEK-CAP representatives other city-owned land—including property south of Noble Field next to Little Hands Daycare. But they voiced concerns about the dirt work it would require and water issues.