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Property sewer easement discussed at city meeting

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha property owner appeared before the City Commission Monday evening to discuss a property with a city sewer easement he wants to sale.

Terry Horner and his wife, Amy, own property at 727 Iowa Street, which contains storage units. The units were unknowingly constructed over the city's easement.

Horner said he has an opportunity to sell the property but the buyer's lender is requesting a written agreement with the city that they would not disturb the property if sewer line repairs are needed or a termination of the city's easement.

The city has sewer lines that run under portions of the buildings—including one of the main collection lines for a large portion of town. Public Works Director Brad Scott said they are PVC, heavy construction pipes that the city would likely bore and not trench for any necessary repairs or maintenance.

While commissioners were understanding of Horner's situation they were not in favor of terminating the city's sewer easement and a motion to execute an agreement not to disturb the property failed to gain approval.

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