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Jefferson council ponders 94-acre annexation request

James T. Stovall and Julia S. Howard asked the Jefferson City Council Monday to annex 94.7 acres located on Hwy. 82 into the city.

Sam Lord, real estate broker representing the applicants, addressed the council at its meeting. He said once the property is annexed into the city, the applicants want to rezone 17.996 acres from agriculture (A-2) to office industrial (OI) for the placement of an office park. The remaining acreage would be zoned agriculture (AGR). A sketch plan includes 15 lots for the office park.

Dale Hall, director of planning and development, reminded council members that the property is directly adjacent to the city reservoir and is located within the Curry Creek Reservoir Watershed Protection District. Any development on the property, regardless of zoning, would require strict compliance with regulations.

The council also heard from Steve Kinney, executor of the J.H. Kinney Estate. Kinney requested a variance to apply for rezoning for .29 acres located at 20 Railroad Street. Kinney asked that the property be rezoned from OI to commercial (C-1) for the placement of a sporting goods store.

The council will vote on all annexation and zoning requests at its meeting Monday, August 8, at 6 p.m.
OTHER ITEMS

The council also discussed the following items:

- imposing an occupation tax to be levied on businesses and practitioners with offices or locations within the city limits. Tax amounts would be based on the number of employees, starting at \$24 for one to three employees and going up to \$640 for one hundred employees.
- compiling a prioritized list of roads and streets to be submitted to the Department of Transportation for possible funding through the Local Assistance Road Program. Council members listed Gordon Street and Elbert Street as potential roads for resurfacing. Councilman C.D. Kidd III suggested the county be contacted for help in repairing the road. Members agreed that the county school system uses the road to bus students to the Gordon Street Center and should be contacted for help in funding the repair.
- nominating a representative to serve on the Quad Cities Planning Commission.

The term of the current Jefferson representative, Larry Benton, will expire on September 3.

- establishing a water tap surcharge to be imposed on all new city water customers, including industrial and residential developments. A \$600 fee, which will be charged in addition to any fees for meter installation, was proposed.