

Hiawatha resident voices concerns about building plans

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha resident appeared before the Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening to voice her concerns about what she says are the plans to build “an industrial-sized building” on neighboring property.

Annette Wilson, who lives at 1108 Wentley Drive, said the building will impact the aesthetics and visual quality of her quiet, residential area, along with property values.

Wilson said neighbors were not aware of plans to construct the 90-by-95 foot building until dirt work began.

Code Enforcement Officer Dave Wilson said he has approved a building permit for construction of the building, which he says meets the city's zoning requirements. He noted the building is being constructed on a sizeable lot.

City Attorney Andy Delaney said accessory buildings are allowed in a residential zoned area.

Mayor Bill Collins and Commissioners said there isn't anything they can do since a building permit has already been approved.

Delaney said Wilson's only option would be to seek possible legal action.

She appealed to Commissioners to update the city's zoning codes so a similar situation doesn't happen to others.