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Neosho OKs data center measure

City Council calls for 1-year moratorium

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NEOSHO, Mo. — Data centers won't be welcome in Neosho for up to a year as city leaders research them and try to learn about their impact on property values, city residents, water and power use.

Neosho City Council members unanimously passed a resolution calling for up to a one-year moratorium on the construction of data centers at their regular meeting Tuesday, but it could be shorter if the city completes its research before a year is up.

Other area leaders also are taking up the issue. Newton County Presiding Commissioner Daniel Swem said recently they are in talks with legal counsel to see that options there are at the county level to control or regulate data centers. Joplin city officials are looking at enacting added requirements for data centers to protect local residents and natural resources from those operations.

Two residents spoke out against the construction of data centers during a public hearing on the matter at Tuesday's meeting.

City Manager David Kennedy said Thursday that the city had received a call earlier this year from someone looking to build a data center and inquiring about property in the city's industrial park.

"With all the data centers popping up around the state and the country, municipalities and counties are not being prepared as they come into their community," Kennedy said. "Right now, we're just not ready. We don't have the codes in place to ensure that our citizens, our community, the place we live, is protected. We need time to do research and look at the pros and look at the cons, maybe even visit some of these centers to ensure that we're protecting our community."

The summary attached to the resolution as it was presented to the council

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Public reading

Sons of the American Revolution member Marty Griffin (left) and Kavan Stull, president of the Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter, address a crowd Wednesday during the 250th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.
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Local group joins nationwide event for Declaration of Independence

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Joplin's Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution joined in a simultaneous nationwide reading of the Declaration of Independence on Wednesday.

The Joplin event was held at the Joplin Public Library and was one of 16 locations hosting readings in Missouri. Nearly 800 total sites participated in all 50 states and 16 U.S. territories.

Buffalo Creek Incident performs patriotic songs following the reading of the Declaration of Independence on Wednesday at the Joplin Public Library.
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The Declaration of Independence was first read aloud to the public July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia; Easton, Pennsylvania; and Trenton, New Jersey. In 1776, people of all ages gathered to hear the announcement that the 13 colonies had declared themselves independent states, severing connections to Great Britain.

A crowd of about 50 people gathered at the Joplin event, where several attendees held small American flags and heard live patriotic music performed by the band Buffalo Creek Incident.

Wearing period clothing,

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Area foundations step up to help Community Clinic with lift

Community Clinic of Southwest Missouri Executive Director Stephanie Brady explains that a lift will allow people with mobility issues to have access to the clinic's second floor.
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Many services located on second floor

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A group of area charitable foundations have stepped up to give the Community Clinic of Southwest Missouri a lift. Literally.

Stephanie Brady, executive director of the Community Clinic, said a lift that allows people with mobility issues to get to the second floor of their building at 701 S. Joplin Ave., is about 30 years old and is too worn out to repair further.

"We have not been able to allow people to access the second floor, which doesn't sound like, in a clinic, that that would be that big of a deal," Brady said. "But we have all of our behavioral health counseling upstairs. We have all of our nutrition program and our cooking classes upstairs. We have our board meetings upstairs, and we have other organizations that come in and provide support groups up there. And nobody who has any kind of limited mobility is able to access those services while this lift is down."

The Arvest Foundation was the latest to step up with the final $10,000 needed to make up the $52,000 needed to replace the lift.

Brady said other groups that helped with the lift projects were Schuber Mitchell, with $12,000; the McCune-Brooks Healthcare Foundation, with $10,000; the Sandy Family Foundation, with $10,000; and the Glauber Family Foundation, with $10,000.

"We're just really thankful for the Arvest Foundation for their support and the community in general for their support," Brady said. "We really rely on the benevolence

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