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A sign on the property of a Spring Hill home near Ridgeview Road and 191st Street expresses opposition to a proposed rezoning of 316 acres and possible data center development just up the road.



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STAFF REPORT

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Several businesses in Miami County have already signed up for the plan, including Cafe Latte (10 percent off a food item), Donna and Viola's Shirts (buy a pre-printed T-shirt and get the second one 25 percent off), Don's Barber Shop (purchase a \$20 haircut and \$4 will be donated to your favorite charity), Design 4 Sports (15 percent off anything in the showroom), Lexington Hall Stables (\$50 off the first month of boarding), and Hannah Rockers Cleaning Solutions LLC (10 percent off the first three hours of cleaning for new customers.)

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Spring Hill residents raise concerns about proposed rezoning

Landowners fear change could lead to data center development

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SPRING HILL – A planned public hearing to address a requested rezoning of 316 acres in Spring Hill from Rural Residential to General Industrial has been rescheduled to a special meeting of the Planning Commission on March 25.

Planning commissioners originally were scheduled to host the rezoning public hearing March 5 at the Spring Hill Civic

Center, but the issue will now be the topic of a special meeting of the Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25.

The land in question is located at the southeast corner of 191st Street and Renner Road, and it was annexed in December 2025.

Spring Hill Public Information Officer Jenna Gant said the city received a request to rezone the 316 acres from R-R Rural Residential to M-1 General Industrial, but she added that no specific business or

end user has been identified at this time.

Several surrounding landowners fear the rezoning could lead to the development of a large data center.

Many of those residents have taken to social media to voice concerns about data centers, including noise, power and water use, and a loss of the rural atmosphere.

A large sign in one nearby yard says "No M-1 Industrial Zoning. No Data Center."

Spring Hill City Council members opened the door to data center developments in October, 2025, when they approved amendments to the city's zoning code related to data centers.

City Attorney Spencer Low told the council members at that time that without the amendments, the city's codes would not permit data centers in the city.

Spring Hill pursuing loans for new wastewater treatment plant

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SPRING HILL – The city of Spring Hill is pursuing state and federal loans to help pay for a planned new wastewater treatment plant that is estimated to cost \$128 million.

Spring Hill City Council members, during their Feb. 26 meeting, unanimously agreed to authorize staff to file an application with the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) for a loan under the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Act.

Spring Hill Finance Director Rhonda Dunn said the state revolving fund (SRF) loan is the city's best loan option because it has the lowest interest rate, and she said the city is eligible for \$30 million through the program.

Dunn said the city could also seek a federal loan through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), but the interest rate is about 1 percent higher than the state SRF loan.

The council took action because the SRF application was due by the end of March, but Mayor Chad Young reiterated that the new wastewater treatment plant project has not yet been finalized, and there is still time to back out if the council does not like the financial options available.

Dunn said an application for the WIFIA loan would be due in May.

City leaders began the process of planning for a possible new wastewater treatment plant with a study in 2023.

City Engineer Alysen Abel gave council members an update on options



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Spring Hill city officials say the city's current wastewater treatment plant on Woodland Road is operating at 71 percent capacity.

during a meeting, Feb. 12, and she spoke again during the Feb. 26 meeting.

Abel said the current

wastewater treatment plant located at 22711 Woodland Road south of 223rd Street is operating

at 71 percent capacity.

"We need to secure these loans today," she told the council members.

Dunn's presentation showed that the proposed

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