

City shows support for non-incineration disposal technology

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MUNICIPAL CENTER — As the military readies a decision on the method of destruction to be used on the county's chemical weapons stockpile, the Berea City Council has given its support of a non-incineration technology — sort of.

Council unanimously voted to sign onto a resolution drafted by the Kentucky Demilitarization Citizen's Advisory Committee stating they are in support of a non-incineration technology to destroy the 523 tons of chemical weapons stored at the Bluegrass Army Depot near Richmond. The resolution will be taken by the CAC to the Pentagon on an upcoming trip.

In voting to support the resolution, council was the first governing body in Madison County to take action on the measure.

While the measure passed, many council members shared their concerns for a quick and safe disposal method, be it incineration or something else.

"We need to get rid of it as quickly as possible. There is nothing more dangerous than leaving it lying out there," said Mayor Clifford Kerby, who has publicly

supported incineration, but has also said he just wants the stockpiles removed, regardless of method.

"Incineration is a proven way of getting rid of it. Now, people could argue one of the new methods just as incineration has been debated for years," he said.

Many council members said they were somewhat uncomfortable in supporting the resolution since no one knows for sure if the

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non-incineration methods are 100-percent safe, and also emphasized had the current debate over incineration never begun, destruction of the stockpile may have already been underway.

Council voted to pass the measure in the hopes the

show of solidarity against incineration would speed the destruction process along.