Westlake rezones Circle T

Property value hurt, trustee for Hunt says

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WESTLAKE — The Circle T Ranch became a war zone yesterday when city leaders rezoned the 2,000-acre former playground of Nelson Bunker Hunt, despite appeals and threats of a lawsuit by representatives of the fallen tycoon's bankrupt estate.

City officials later vowed to stand behind their move to control development of the ranch, calling it unlikely that those associated with the one-time billionaire oilman would wage a legal battle on "the little people of Westlake."

But the trustee of Hunt's estate warned that the rezoning would hurt the property's market value and would prevent him from carrying out his court-appointed task of selling the ranch for as much money as it can bring.

"I'm not a person who enjoys getting into a fight with anybody," trustee Carter Pate said. "But I've got my marching orders."

Pate was accompanied to the City Council meeting by two attorneys for Hunt's estate and a court reporter Pate

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