



MAYOR

JAN WEBSTER

COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAX WHITLOCK

JUDY KESLER

LAMAR WATKINS

MIKE BARFIELD

**Nicholson Council Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2017
7:00 P.M. Community Center**

Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

Attending: Mayor Jan Webster, Council Members –Mike Barfield, Max Whitlock, Lamar Watkins, City Clerk-Debra Fontaine, Mainstreet News – Charles Phelps, City Attorney – Jody Campbell

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Mike motioned to approve the November 6, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes; Max seconded. All were in favor. **Motion approved.**

Financials: Mike motioned to approve the November 2017 Financials; Max seconded. All were in favor. **Motion approved.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint Jody Campbell with Blum & Campbell, LLC – Jan reminded council members that Jody Campbell, City Attorney, has launched out into his own law firm, Blum & Campbell, LLC in order to continue with Jody Campbell as Nicholson City Attorney.

2018 Budget – 2nd Reading – Mike motioned to adopt the 2018 City Budget, Max seconded; a unanimous vote was taken. **Budget approved and adopted.**

Speed Limit Signs – Radarsigns – Mike motioned for the city to purchase two Radarsign speed limit signs, for a total of \$7501 including accessories. Max seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion approved.**

Surplus Property – Mike motioned to release the cities old dump truck as surplus property, Max seconded; a unanimous vote was taken. **Motion approved.**

January Council Meeting: Jan mentioned to council members that the first Monday in January is New Year's Day and the city is closed. Mike motioned to move the January Council Meeting to Tuesday, January 2, 2018, Max seconded. **Motion approved.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

MAYORS REPORT:

- Jan reminded council members to keep looking over City Code.
- Meeting on Friday at Benton with NEGRC – Jordan Shoemaker and Burke Walker loved the building and are looking forward to working with the city on procuring an Architect... and to aid the city in a feasibility study if necessary.
- Mayors Meeting – Jackson County working on 911 addressing and would like the cities to work with them to devise procedures and policies for future 911 addressing.
- Date for next work session is December 28th and the next council meeting will need to be changed since it falls on New Year's Day. After discussion, January 2, 2018 was the council meeting date decided upon.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

All library staff participated in a Piedmont Regional Library Staff Development Day on November 10. We received information on how to write a news release for Mainstreet News, what types of children's books we should be buying and different technology the libraries of Piedmont possess. We all took away useful information.

- The maker space/craft program of making turkeys was a success. It was advertised as a family program.
- Tosha Gaddis volunteered and presented a program of Christmas Door Décor. It was a success. Thank you to Tosha for providing an adult program for us.

Programs in December:

- Thursday, December 7 - Legos for children
- Saturday, December 9 - Author, G. Richard Hoard will be speaking. Copies of his books will be available for sale and he will sign them.
- Tuesday, December 12 - Santa visits the library! 6-7:30 PM. Children will be able to make a craft. Everyone will be able to have cookies and punch.
- Thursday, December 14 - Gingerbread houses (family craft) 4-5 PM.
- Closed Saturday, December 23, Monday December 25, Saturday December 30 and Monday January 1. We will have holiday hours December 24th – December 29th.

The library will close an hour early each day. This is being advertised.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO SPEAK

Adjournment: Max motioned to adjourn; Mike seconded. All were in favor. **Meeting Adjourned.**

Approved for website by City Clerk