



**MAYOR**

JAN WEBSTER

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

MAX WHITLOCK

JUDY KESLER

LAMAR WATKINS

MIKE BARFIELD

**Nicholson Council Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2017  
7:00 P.M. Community Center**

**Call to Order** – 7:00 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:** Max motioned to approve the October 2, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes; Lamar seconded. All were in favor, **Motion approved.**

**Financials:** Mike motioned to table the October 2017 Financials; Lamar seconded. All were in favor. **Motion approved to table financials till next meeting.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tosha Gaddis – Little Free Pantry** –Tosha approached the city council at the October Work Session and gave out information for the Little Free Pantry. City Council was given a time for Q & A. **Lamar motioned to approve the Little Free Pantry in the City Hall parking lot, Max seconded. All were in favor; motion was approved.**

**Water Authority Appointment** – Mike Barfield motioned for the council to table the City’s turn to appoint someone to the Water Authority until the new council takes office in 2018. John Ring spoke up on behalf of the Water Authority that the position must be filled to begin their term in office January 1, 2018. The motion failed for lack of a second.

**Max motioned that the city move forward in appointing Dana Nichols to the Water Authority Board; Lamar seconded, Motion approved for Dana Nichols to continue her seat on the Water Authority Board.**

**Budget Amendment – Second Reading** – Max motioned to approve the Budget Amendment for 2017 Budget; Lamar seconded. Mike was opposed all others approved. **Motion to Amend the Budget was approved.**

**2018 Budget** - The 2018 Budget was handed out for council to take home and look over and will be on the November Work Session Agenda.

**Executive Session – Lamar motioned for the city to go into Executive Session; Mike seconded. Motion approved.**

**Max motioned that the city come out of Executive Session, Lamar seconded. Motion approved.**

**Jody explained that the City of Nicholson Adjourned to Executive Session to discuss matters of Attorney/Client privilege and are protected under the Open Meetings Act.**

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

#### **MAYORS REPORT:**

- As the Code of Ordinances is handed out, council members were asked to look over and make notes on issues, or if additions need to be made. This will be discussed in the next Work Session.
- Jan mentioned that the Memorial Dedication to Mike Ward and Veterans Day Celebration was a great success. She told council that the city was afraid that if the programs were done separately, that one event may deter the turnout of the other. Also, as usual, she thanked all Veterans for their service.
- Jan mentioned that the annual Trees for Troops program will take place again this year through 7 G's Farms. She encouraged all to check out this valued tradition that honors the families of those who are currently serving in our military. Individuals are able to make a contribution and put a personal note with their sponsorship donation(s). She mentioned that a Nicholson city employee was a recipient of one of these trees while he was serving and it meant a great deal to him.
- Jan told Mike she was glad to see him and that he is doing well enough to come to the meeting.
- Jan also mentioned to council members that Debbie received a call from a citizen bringing concern for the speed limit going through Nicholson. She asked council if they are interested in purchasing Speed Limit monitors for Hwy 441. There was discussion on whether or not GDOT would allow the city to put up any type of sign or monitor.
- Jan asked council members to consider whether or not they would be interested in getting iPad or tablets for council meetings and do away with all of the paper we currently have for the meetings. Debbie and Irma will get prices for consideration at the next Work Session.

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT –**

Rhonda reported the following:

October-The annual Shake N Shiver event at the library was a great success. We had around 145 people. The Nicholson Area Fire and Rescue came and spoke about Halloween safety, gave out coloring pages and handed out treats. Magician Keith Karnok was our feature performer. Everyone seemed to have a great time. The staff and volunteers were wonderful.

We had another successful rock painting class. Every age seems to enjoy this activity.

November-

We will be closed Friday Nov 10 for the Piedmont Staff Training Day

We will be closed Nov 23-Nov 25 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Thursday Nov 16 from 4-5 pm we will be having a program “Making a Turkey”

Monday Nov 27 from 5-7, we will have an adult crafting program “Christmas Door Décor” with Tosha.

December

Sat December 9 at 10 am local author G. Richard Hoard-will be discussing his new book, selling and signing copies.

Tuesday December 12 our annual Santa visits the library from 6-8 PM.

## **CITIZENS REQUESTING TO SPEAK**

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

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*Approved for website by City Clerk*