



Council approves revised city pay scale

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The Colby City Council approved a pay scale for classified job positions for entry-level employees at its meeting Tuesday night.

City Manager Tyson McGreer said he plans to review the wages in each city de-

partment soon.

One change from last year's pay scale, he said, is that city policy was changed slightly to allow the information technology director to make less than his or her assistant.

The pay scale puts base salaries in the \$20,000-to-\$40,000-a-year range. For instance, the city will pay between \$20,699 and \$48,000 for starting administrative

employees, \$23,954 to \$44,725 for firefighters, \$26,409 to \$44,725 for police officers and \$21,732 to \$38,994 for electrical and power-plant workers.

In other business, the council:

- Spent five minutes in a closed session at the start of the meeting with McGreer and City Attorney John Gatz, discussing matters covered by attorney-client privilege.

- Approved orders to remove nuisance vehicles at Gary Schieck's property in the 600 block of North Nashville Avenue and at Wheat Lippelman's property at 750 N. Franklin Ave. The council approved similar orders earlier but had to do it again Tuesday because of a clerical error, McGreer said.

- Approved cancellation of an agreement for sealing the airport runway and

the approval a new agreement to reflect an increase in the price of the project. The city approved a bid from APAC Kansas Inc. of Hutchinson to seal cracks in the runway. The city got the state to pay for all but \$27,308 of the \$76,235 project, but McGreer said, the original estimate for the work was about \$56,000, and the council had to re-do the agreement since the state is picking most of the tab.

Consultant tabbed to steer college finance

Colby Community College President Steve Vacik has named a financial consultant as vice president of business affairs, supervising the budget, bookkeeping and other financial activity.

She replaces Alan Waits, who college officials said left to pursue other interests.

Dr. Glenda Overstreet has been a business advisor and consultant for the Best Small Business Development Center at Cedar Valley College in Cedar Hill, Texas. Her responsibilities included helping small-business owners start and built their businesses.

Dr. Overstreet has served as adjunct faculty member at Baker University and taught workshops at Metropolitan Business and Technology College and Kansas City Community College. She is a trainer and public speaker responsible for developing course curriculum for undergraduate students, training programs for executive management and presentation materials for the public and private sectors, including strategic planning, complaint resolution, legal and privacy compliance, contract standards, leadership develop-

ment and other matters.

Overstreet has designed and administered programs and procedures for financial, educational and health-care industries. In addition, she served for nearly 10 years with the Higher Learning Commission, the college's accrediting body, and is currently a member of its Appeals Body.

While working in the health-care industry, she was responsible for the oversight and administration of budgets from \$12 million and \$20 million.

Overstreet has written a bimonthly column for *The Topeka Capital Journal* since 2004. From 2003 to 2011, she was the president and chief executive officer of Entrepreneurial Synergy in Topeka.

She received master's and doctor's degrees in business administration from the University of Phoenix and is taking courses to become a certified economic developer. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications with a minor in criminal justice at Washburn University.

Overstreet and her husband Otto have two adult sons and a daughter.



Glenda Overstreet

College group to move offices

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The Colby Community College Board of Trustees decided to move the college endowment office to the Bedker Memorial Complex at a special meeting Wednesday.

Board President Arlen Leiker said that a new vice president of student affairs is starting work Monday and needs the space now occupied by the endowment office.

Trustee Nick Wells, who heads the foundation, agreed to move. Leiker said after the meeting that some of the buildings at the

college, which were built in the 1960s, are short of office space. Some employees are using very small offices, with room for only a desk and a few chairs. Wells has been looking for an office downtown, Leiker said, and his new office will be only a third the size of the old one.

"He graciously agreed to give up his space and take a smaller area," Leiker said. "He needs to be recognized for that."

Leiker started the meeting by saying that rumors about the college being upset with the Endowment Foundation were untrue.

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Rusty Depe (above) started a motor which powers a large vacuum system being used to clean duct work at Colby

Middle School. Later, he climbed up into the ceiling to start cleaning out the air ducts while Duane Brown held the ladder.

Big vacuum sweeps debris from ducts

Workers for Healthy Air Duct Cleaning Service used a vacuum-like machine to clean out the heating and cooling air ducts at Colby Middle School on Tuesday.

Rusty Depe and Duane Brown, were using a 100-foot hose, but the company also has a 200 foot hose. Depe said the motor moves about 6,000 cubic feet per minute of air, "which is about like stick-

ing your hand out the highway going 75 mph."

The company was called to the middle school by CB Heating, Air Conditioning and Plumbing which is working on energy-saving upgrades at the school, said Depe. The firm was working on the air handlers at the school when it realized the ducts had not been cleaned in 65 years, he said.



Police clear \$4,482 at auction of vehicles

The Colby Police Department made \$4,482 with an auction of impounded vehicles Saturday morning.

Police Chief Ron Alexander said the auction brought in \$5,377 and the department will make \$4,482 after expenses. Of the 10 vehicles sold, one, a 1999 Ford F-150, was seized in a drug arrest, the chief said. The

others had been abandoned on the street over the past year.

"It just kind of depends on the year," Alexander said. "If we get as many as 10 of them, we try to do an auction."

He added that the money will be put in the police impound fund, and the department moves it over to its drug forfeiture fund if it gets enough.

Road workers to share third of jackpot

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) - Sixteen workers from a county garage in a New Jersey shore community hit hard by Superstorm Sandy have one of the three winning tickets in the \$448 million Powerball jackpot, and some even came to work for a second straight day after learning they would be multimillionaires, county officials said.

"We are absolutely delighted for this group, a real down-to-earth hardworking bunch of people," Ocean County spokeswoman Donna Flynn said today outside the county vehicle maintenance garage.

A Minnesota man has already claimed his third of Wednesday's jackpot. The holder of

the third winning ticket, also from New Jersey, has not come forward yet.

Each ticket, if taken as a lump-sum payment, is worth \$58 million after taxes.

All 16 county workers showed up to work Thursday, and some were also back on the job today, Flynn said.

"They're asking for their privacy now," she said.

New Jersey Lottery officials did not return calls or messages on whether they had verified the ticket.

Flynn said the lottery agency was planning to hold a news conference next week.

"This is a wonderful thing to happen to

Ocean County after all the difficulties we've gone through with Superstorm Sandy," she said.

Ocean County received some of the heaviest damage from Sandy last October and is still recovering from the storm, which made landfall just miles from the supermarket, in Little Egg Harbor, where the winning ticket was sold.

Flynn said she did not know if any of the

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