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Ladner Won't Accept Colby Position

(KNZA)--Following the release of our story yesterday, regarding Hiawatha City Administrator Lynne Ladner seeking the City Manager's position in Colby, Kansas, she decides to address the issue.

Telling us in an email Thursday morning that she had no comment, Ladner has reversed her decision, now stating, in an email to this radio station, that she will not accept the job, if offered.

In the running for the vacant Colby City Manager's position, Ladner was interviewed by that city's governing body early last month.

She had made the Hiawatha City Commission aware of her job search, with Mayor Crosby Gernon telling us yesterday that Colby is a larger community, and Ladner informed the commission that she was applying for the job.

Gernon added that it certainly is her right to apply for a higher paying job if she chooses. He said many of the recent positive developments in Hiawatha have come from Ladner's efforts including the new hotel, the walking trail, and the new daycare center.

The Hiawatha City Commission recently voted to amend Ladner's contract with the city, increasing her base salary by more than 15-hundred to \$70,000.

Ladner has served as Hiawatha City Administrator for six years.

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