

LYNN RITCHIE for Mayor

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As 29 year residents of Highland City, my wife and I have raised seven children while enjoying the rural community Highland offers. I want to preserve this community atmosphere as a place to raise families and retire as Highland continues to grow. My experience as an administrator in healthcare, vice president in manufacturing, and a colonel in military aviation qualify me to be mayor. I regularly attend council, planning, and transportation meetings in order to be familiar with issues and problems that affect our community.

Highland government must operate from income levels and not go into unnecessary debt as has happened these past few years. City government officials must operate in an open, honest manner that rebuilds lost trust. Citizens must be treated as customers and asked for more input on critical issues affecting the city. Resource utilization and effectiveness must be evaluated and prioritized. Open space in the current model does not work effectively and new solutions to problems must be implemented. Rural atmosphere is paramount and must be preserved while working with development. Our City Center development requires leadership to assist existing businesses and attract new ones.