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**ALLEN SELECTED AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER**

Garden City – The members of the City Commission voted unanimously at their February 12 meeting to appoint Assistant City Manager Matt Allen Interim City Manager following the March 1 retirement of 22 year City Manager Bob Halloran.

Matt Allen has 11 years of experience in the field of local government administration. He has served as Assistant City Manager for the City of Garden City since March 2002; prior to that he served as the City Administrator for the City of Oakley, KS.

Allen, a Garden City native, is a graduate of Garden City High School and received a degree in Political Science and History from Bethany. He then graduated with honors from the University of Kansas Masters of Public Administration program. “I’m pleased to have the confidence of the City Commission to assist during this transition in this way”, said Allen. “The responsibilities left from a vacancy in the City Manager’s position will fall on numerous shoulders and I feel fortunate that we have a talented team that works well together to accomplish our goal of effective service delivery to the residents of Garden City.”

Since his return, Matt has been extremely active in various community boards and associations including: the Garden City First United Methodist Church, Broncbuster Athletic Association, Downtown Vision Inc.



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