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CITY WELCOMES DEPUTY CITY MANAGER BRET GLENDENING

Osawatomie, Kansas – The City of Osawatomie welcomes a new deputy city manager to its leadership team next week. Bret Glendening will take on the role of deputy city manager effective Monday, October 4th, 2021. The deputy position is part of the City’s ongoing structural reorganization meant to strengthen leadership capacity and better serve organizational and community needs. The newly created role is designed to assist the city manager with departmental oversight and to coordinate internal and external initiatives, specifically in the utilities and public works departments.

In his new role, Glendening will oversee the City’s infrastructure and improvement projects, including water treatment and distribution, wastewater facility repairs, street repair, and solar array initiative. Glendening brings 10 years of large-scale project management experience, including solar projects and financial management, for Kiewit Corporation.

Before his tenure in the private sector, Glendening served as City Manager for Osawatomie from 2006 to 2011 and was a Budget and Finance Officer for Riley County from 2004 to 2006.

“We are excited to welcome Bret back to the leadership team, and look forward to his keen insight into our community,” said Osawatomie City Manager Mike Scanlon. “He has a unique perspective on our history and our future and will be a great asset to our organization.”

Scanlon introduced the change in organizational structure to the City Council during budget conversations over the summer. “We’re facing \$20 million in public spending across our projects over the next five years,” Scanlon said. “We needed another member of the team who had experience at that level. Bret was a natural choice and we were lucky to get him.”

Glendening, who has lived in the Osawatomie community since 2006, holds a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics and a master’s degree in public administration from Kansas State University.

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