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Council Names New City Manager; Property Tax and Utility Rate to Remain Unchanged

Council has appointed Paul Stevens as the new city manager for the City of Highland Village. Stevens is currently the Deputy City Manager for the City of Rowlett and has 30 years' experience in municipal government, including ten years in the role of city manager for the city of Waxahachie.

"The Council and I approached the decision of hiring our new city manager as one of the most important decisions we would ever make. The residents, businesses, and city employees were considered when making the change of our leader. We appreciate everyone's trust and confidence as your elected officials as we made this decision," stated Mayor Charlotte Wilcox.

Stevens brings a wide-range of experience with previous management over public safety, parks and recreation, economic development, public works and budget. Stevens official start date will be October 1, pending completion of background check, negotiation and approval of an employment agreement.

"I am very honored and excited about joining the City of Highland Village as the City Manager. Highland Village is an incredibly unique city with an excellent quality of life. I'm looking forward to working with the City Council and city staff and I can't wait to be a part of this wonderful community," stated Paul Stevens.

Council received presentations on the Utility Fund Budget and continued discussion of the General Fund budget. The proposed Utility Fund Budget for FY 2020-2021 will maintain the current rate structure for water and sewer services. Council also approved the current ad valorem tax rate of \$.56302 per \$100 valuation and set September 8 as the public hearing date for the proposed FY 20-21 Budget. Council will continue budget discussions at their meetings on August 11 and August 25.

Staff provided Council an update on the City's response to COVID-19. Emergency operations continues to monitor the situation through daily calls with federal, state and county partners. Updates can be found at www.highlandvillage.org/coronavirus.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 15; Frontier 43) and via website streaming at www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](http://www.highlandvillage.org).