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### **City Employees Honored with Appreciation Banquet**

**Wylie, Texas, Dec. 5, 2018** – The City of Wylie held its annual Employee Appreciation Banquet Dec. 4 at FBC Wylie Event Center, and awards were given to employees who had distinguished themselves in 2018.

The top honor, Employee of the Year, went to Peggy Powell, administrative assistant to Police Chief Anthony Henderson. City Manager Mindy Manson said Powell is “always dependable, a hard worker, and a real problem solver. Peggy’s work and work ethic are impeccable; she never leaves any stone unturned.”

Part-Time Employee of the Year went to Stephanie Pierce, library youth reference assistant, described as a “go-getter from day one” who is always full of ideas about how to improve library services.

Joseph Garza, recreation building attendant, received the Customer Service of the Year award. Manson noted that Garza has completed hundreds of work orders for the recreation department and also developed a new mobile work order and communication system.

Excellence in Safety Employee of the Year went to Mark Jones, a parks maintenance worker, who was described as having a “no-nonsense attitude when it comes to safety.” He also has a caring and positive outlook that his colleagues said is easy to see every day.

Newcomer of the Year went to Jasmine Spencer, HR assistant. Spencer was described as being an “approachable, professional and dependable” addition to the department, who has taken an active role in City business in her first year of employment.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population almost 50,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. MONEY Magazine named Wylie the 20<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Country in 2017. Financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City for Young Families in August 2016. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017.