



Holsted Names Assistant City Managers

Wylie, Texas, April 16, 2019 – Newly appointed City Manager Chris Holsted has named Development Services Director Renae Ollie and Fire Chief Brent Parker as assistant city managers. Ollie and Parker will assume these new roles effective May 1 when Holsted takes the reins from retiring City Manager Mindy Manson. Assistant Fire Chief Brandon Blythe will be promoted to the position of fire chief.

“These changes, including the creation of the second city manager position, will allow us to be more proactive in our approach to the citizens, to city council, and to challenges the City faces as we continue to grow,” Holsted said. “Brent and Renae have over 30 years of combined experience serving the citizens of Wylie and I look forward to working with them to continue to make the City of Wylie a great place to live.”

“I’m honored to have the opportunity to serve the City of Wylie in a new capacity, and I look forward to working with our new city manager and with Renae Ollie,” Parker said. “I have great confidence in Brandon Blythe as he takes over the fire chief position; Wylie Fire Rescue will be in good hands.”

Ollie said she looks forward to her new position. “I am excited and grateful for the opportunity. I will continue to give my best for the City of Wylie and its citizens,” she said.

The personnel changes have a zero net impact on the budget due to the reorganization of some departments. Wylie City Council approved the proposed staffing changes and restructuring April 9 with the mid-year budget amendments.

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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 20th Best Place to Live in the Country in 2017 and 25th in 2015. 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. SafeWise named Wylie the ninth safest city in Texas in 2017.