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City of Ardmore Announces Retirement of City Manager Kevin Boatright and Appointment of Interim City Manager

ARDMORE, Okla. - After **27 years of dedicated service** to the City of Ardmore, City Manager Kevin Boatright has announced his retirement, effective in 90 days. The transition period will allow for a smooth and orderly transfer of leadership responsibilities.

Boatright began his career with the City of Ardmore in May 1999 as Director of Parks and Recreation, where he quickly established a reputation for his commitment to public service and community engagement. In 2021, he was appointed City Manager by the Ardmore City Commission, a position he has served with distinction.

Throughout his tenure, Boatright has provided steady leadership while helping guide Ardmore through significant growth, infrastructure improvements, economic development initiatives, and community enhancements. His vision, professionalism, and dedication have made a lasting impact on both the organization and the community.

"Kevin's contributions to Ardmore cannot be overstated," said Ardmore Mayor David Plesher. *"For 27 years, he has dedicated himself to making our community stronger and better. His leadership, integrity, and unwavering commitment to public service have earned the respect and admiration of employees, elected officials, and residents alike. On behalf of the City of Ardmore, we thank Kevin for his remarkable service and wish him and his family all the best in retirement."*

"Serving the City of Ardmore for the past 27 years has been one of the greatest honors of my life," Boatright said. *"I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together and grateful for the opportunity to work alongside dedicated employees, elected officials, community partners, and residents. Ardmore is a special community, and I am confident the City will continue to thrive under the leadership of its talented team and dedicated staff."*

To ensure continuity of leadership and operations, the Ardmore City Commission will appoint an Interim City Manager upon Boatright's retirement. Until that time, Shawn Geurin and Kevin Norris will work closely with Boatright to support the transition process and ensure a seamless transfer of leadership responsibilities.

Shawn Geurin has been a key member of Ardmore's leadership team and has played an

important role in advancing City initiatives and operations. His extensive experience in municipal government, knowledge of the organization, and commitment to serving the community will help ensure stability and continued progress during the transition period.

Kevin Norris will continue serving as Assistant City Manager and will remain an integral part of the City's leadership team, providing support across departments and helping maintain the high level of service Ardmore residents expect. Known for his leadership, experience, and dedication to the community, Norris brings a wealth of knowledge and operational expertise that will help ensure continued stability and success for the organization during this transition.

The Ardmore City Commission will begin the process of selecting a permanent City Manager in the coming months. The Commission is committed to conducting a thorough search to identify the next leader who will build upon the City's strong foundation and continue advancing Ardmore's vision for the future.

"The City is fortunate to have a talented and experienced leadership team in place," Mayor Plesher said. "We have full confidence in Shawn's leadership and appreciate Kevin Norris' continued leadership and support during this transition. Together, they will help ensure the City continues moving forward while we undertake the search for our next City Manager."

Over the next 90 days, Boatright will work closely with City leadership and staff to support the transition process and help ensure the continued success of the organization.

The City of Ardmore extends its sincere gratitude to Kevin Boatright for 27 years of service, leadership, and dedication to the community. His legacy will continue to be reflected in the growth, progress, and quality of life enjoyed by Ardmore residents for years to come.

As the City prepares for this leadership transition, City officials remain committed to ensuring a seamless process and maintaining the high level of service residents expect. With an experienced leadership team in place and a clear vision for the future, Ardmore is well-positioned to continue its momentum and build upon the successes achieved during Boatright's tenure.