

## **Media Alert**

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## **CITY COUNCIL PROMOTES CHRIS ENGEL TO CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016, the Merriam City Council voted unanimously to promote Assistant City Administrator Chris Engel to the role of city administrator. Engel will officially begin his new position on September 1, 2016, following the retirement of longtime City Administrator Phil Lammers.

“The council has had the pleasure of working closely with Mr. Engel since 2013,” Mayor Ken Sissom said. “He is uniquely qualified to run the city and brings a strong vision to move Merriam forward. We are lucky to be in this position and look forward to working with him as our city administrator.”

Among his many accomplishments as Merriam’s assistant city administrator, Engel made significant upgrades to the city’s technology and implemented new, more efficient management systems. He has also placed a strong emphasis on communications and community outreach efforts.

“I’m honored to have earned the faith and support of the mayor and city council and look forward to continuing their good work throughout our community,” Engel said.

Prior to joining the City of Merriam as assistant city administrator, Engel spent nearly six years as assistant to the city administrator in Prairie Village, Kansas. He also served four years in the United States Marine Corp and worked 10 years in the private sector before starting a career in local government.

Engel received his bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in public administration degree from the University of Kansas. He is an associate member of the International City/County Management Association and the Kansas Association of City Managers.

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