



CITY MANAGER NAMED

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Gary Edwards has been named as St. Joseph's next city manager. Following a day-long interview process on September 11, City Council met and discussed their pick for the top administrative position for the organization.

Edwards is a 5th generation Missourian and has twenty-five years of city management experience, along with a background in radio and television broadcast and Chief-of-Staff in the United States Congress and at the state level.

Mayor Bill McMurray said, "Gary has the qualities the City Council was looking for in a city manager and will be a good fit for the community. His strength in financial management, economic development and negotiations will serve the organization well. I look forward to Gary's experience and leadership as we continue to pursue the strategic goals and plans of the City Council."

Edwards currently serves as city manager for Aransas Pass, Texas, and has been working to recover and rebuild the community from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey in 2017. He holds a Bachelor's in Communications from the College of the Ozarks Point Lookout, MO, and a Master of Public Administration, from Missouri State University. Past city management experience includes city administrator for Sedalia, MO and city manager for Moberly, MO.

Pending the execution of a contract to be first read at tonight's City Council meeting, Edwards first day with the city of St. Joseph will be November 9. His salary will be \$160,000.

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