

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



*Lauren Palmer*

### **PARKVILLE SELECTS NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**PARKVILLE, MO, MAY 3, 2013** – An extensive search and diligent selection process for the City of Parkville’s new City Administrator is nearing a successful conclusion. Starting in November 2012, the City conducted a thorough national search using the services of the Art Davis Group; nearly 50 applications were received from 17 different states. During the process, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen interviewed several candidates and unanimously agreed to offer the position to Ms. Lauren Palmer, an experienced, driven professional. Lauren, a native of Joplin, Missouri, has served as an Assistant City Manager for Manhattan, Kansas since January 2008. Prior to her work with Manhattan, she served the City of Des Moines, Iowa as Management Assistant and Management Analyst in the City Manager’s Office from 2004-2008.

Lauren received a Master of Public Affairs from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University – Bloomington; she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Missouri – Columbia with Magna Cum Laude honors. She is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and a graduate of both the inaugural class of ICMA’s Emerging Leaders Development Program and the 2008 Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program. Lauren, recognized by Municipal Insider as a “Rising Star,” is known for her leadership and dedicated public service; she has also authored and contributed to several publications in various municipal, trade-related journals and newspapers. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Lauren has been recognized for her community service and volunteerism in organizations including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, March of Dimes, and the United Way.

The Mayor and Board intend to formally hire Ms. Lauren Palmer at the Tuesday, May 7, 2013 Board of Aldermen meeting with Lauren beginning her work on June 3, 2013 for the City of Parkville. A contract has been negotiated and will be proposed for ratification at the May 7, 2013 Board meeting as well.

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