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City of Owatonna Selects Next Director of Finance

OWATONNA, Minn., Oct. 7, 2024 – The City of Owatonna announces Emily Burns has been selected to serve as its next Director of Finance. Burns began serving in this role effective October 7.

The City of Owatonna conducted a comprehensive selection process to identify its next Finance Director. The opening was advertised on local (City website), state (League of MN Cities) and national (Indeed) job boards. The selection process included two rounds of interviews with panel members consisting of representatives of the City Council, City leadership and a finance director from another public employer.

“Emily’s education, experience and background make her an excellent fit for the City of Owatonna,” said City Administrator Kris Busse. “We are excited to have an individual like Emily join our leadership team to guide our Finance Department!”

Burns has demonstrated finance and leadership experience with the City of Cimarron and the City of Garden City in Kansas. She also has experience working in private and non-profit organizations. She is an active member of the National League of Cities, Government Finance Officers Association and the International City/County Management Association. Burns expects to complete her Master of Arts degree in Public Administration in December. “We look forward to welcoming Emily into our community,” Busse continued. “I am confident her leadership skills, paired with her commitment to public service and demonstrated finance experience with public employers, have positioned Emily for success in this role.”

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