City of Arkansas City, KS  CITY MANAGER

Job Details:

- **Job:** City Manager
- **Where:** Arkansas City, KS
- **Salary:** $115,000 to $125,000-competitive benefit package
- **Population:** 12,415
- **Form of Government:** Commission-Manager

**Community:** Arkansas City is a vibrant, progressive community (12,415 pop.) with a market population of over 17,000, and is situated in Cowley County at the confluence of the Arkansas and Walnut rivers. Approximately a one-hour drive from Wichita, the city is at the juncture of US-77 and US-166, and about twenty minutes east of Kansas Turnpike (I-35). Arkansas City is part of a strong cohesive regional economic development region. Downtown Arkansas City is a thriving and charming business core, providing a welcoming small-town feel. [More information available at www.arkcity.org or www.arkcitychamber.org.]

Arkansas City is home to Cowley County Community College (www.cowley.edu), to the new South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center, and also to Creekstone Farms (www.Creekstonefarms.com) — a ground-breaking beef and pork processing facility, known world-wide for its highest-quality premium Black Angus beef.

**Organization:** The City operates under the Commission-Manager form of government comprised of five commission members who serve four-year terms. The Mayor is elected by the Commission annually. The City is a full-service city (no electric or gas systems), with 130 full-time employees and an annual operating budget of $35.9 M-providing police, fire, public works, parks, water, wastewater collection/treatment services, refuse collection and home to a state of the art water treatment facility that combines reverse osmosis technology with GreensandPlus filtering.

**Experience:** The ideal candidate should have 2-5 years’ experience as a manager/administrator. Experience as an assistant manager/administrator in a larger city would be considered. Extensive working knowledge of local government finance and budget, Knowledge of infrastructure maintenance and improvements, understand the community’s capacity to fund capital improvements, along with the ability to effectively engage employees and the community, are considered vital attributes.

**Salary Range.** $115,000-$125,000 depending upon qualifications, with a full range of benefits including deferred compensation, car allowance, and health insurance.

**Education:** Minimum Bachelors’ degree; MPA degree preferred.

**Apply:** Interested candidates may apply by submitting a (digital only) resume and cover letter of interest to: City Manager Search: Marla McFarland, mmcfarland@arkansascityks.gov.

Resumes accepted until 12:00, noon (CST), March 6, 2020. The Commission plans to conduct interviews during the first part of April.