

Atchison's Warren named Belton, MO City Manager

**(KAIR)--Atchison's assistant city manager has accepted an out of state job.**

**Joe Warren was offered the position of Belton, Missouri City Manager June 16. He told MSC News that came one day after he interviewed for the position.**

**According to Warren, a contract has been agreed to. Related information included with the Belton City Council's June 28 meeting agenda states that Warren will make no less than \$158,225 annually.**

**Warren, whose hiring was approved through an ordinance approved June 28 by the Belton City Council, is set to begin his new role next month, with the ordinance taking effect August 16. However, Warren says an exact start date is subject to change.**

**Warren, a former newspaper reporter and editor in Atchison, returned to the City following a departure for Missouri newspaper work, and was hired in June 2018 as the City of Atchison's Director of Administrative Services.**

**In July 2021, Warren was chosen to serve as Assistant Atchison City Manager.**

**In response to an emailed question from MSC News regarding what he views as his accomplishments during his time of Atchison leadership, Warren provided the following answer:**

"I feel like my biggest accomplishment is working with staff to create an environment for high performance and putting people first. Whether that be making sure staff has what they need to succeed or helping residents with legitimate concerns get to yes.

Our finances are in great shape and we implemented programs in community development that have led to about 20% property value growth in four years and have improved 10% of the city's housing stock that was not up to code previously but is now.

The new city manager has been given a high performing organization and Atchison has punched above its weight class for years. I'm not taking credit for that but am proud to have been a part of it.

That said I am honored and excited about this new opportunity to lead an outstanding city that is experiencing tremendous growth and still has a great amount of untapped potential. I'm also inheriting a great staff in my new position and a community that is engaged and cares. It's an ideal fit for me and my family and we can't wait to become a part of the great things going on in Belton."