

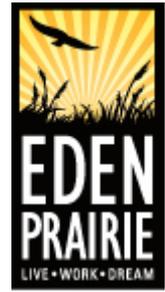
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CITY COUNCIL NAMES INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND SETS INITIAL TIMELINE FOR SELECTION PROCESS

Eden Prairie, Minn. — At its Oct. 19, 2010, meeting, the Eden Prairie City Council voted unanimously to appoint Parks and Recreation Director **Jay Lotthammer** to the position of interim city manager upon the departure of City Manager Scott Neal. Lotthammer will serve in this position from Friday, Oct. 29, 2010, until the search for a new city manager is complete and the selected candidate begins employment.

The Council also coordinated with Minneapolis-based **M&A Executive Search** to establish the following initial timeline for the city manager selection process:

Thursday, Nov. 11 — Deadline for candidates to express interest in the position.

Tuesday, Nov. 30 — A field of 8-10 candidates will be selected by M&A Executive Search and the Council will meet to narrow the applicant field to 4-5 individuals.

Saturday, Dec. 11 — The Council will interview 4-5 candidates and reduce the field to 2-3 finalists.

After 2-3 finalists have been identified, the selection process will include two interview sessions, one with a panel of City department directors and the other with community leaders. In addition, there will be an Open House event which residents and City employees may attend to meet the finalists. The dates of these events have not yet been determined.

The City of Eden Prairie is a vibrant community of more than 60,000 residents located just southwest of Minneapolis. Eden Prairie has been nationally recognized as a great place to live, work and raise a family. Since 2006, Eden Prairie has been listed among MONEY Magazine's 100 "Best Places to Live" in America, and in 2010 topped MONEY's list as the Best Place to Live in America.

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