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Riggs appointed Newton City Manager

NEWTON - Randall K. Riggs, of Chanute, has been appointed Newton's new city manager. The Newton City Commission approved the final details of his contract during a special meeting Monday night.

"We had a lot of good, qualified candidates," Mayor Willis Heck said, "but we were especially impressed with Randy's training and background in leadership development and his interest in working in partnership with other agencies, which is one of our priorities in Newton.

"His personality also seemed to be a good fit for our community. He matches the expectations we had when we began the interview process."

Riggs has been city manager of Chanute since 1999. He previously served as city manager in Sterling and assistant city manager in Lawton, Okla. He has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas and a bachelor of arts from Ottawa University.

He is the president-elect of Kansas Municipal Utilities, a statewide association representing 168 municipal electric, natural gas, water and wastewater utilities. In 2006, Riggs won the Buford M. Watson Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Management from the Kansas Association of City/County Management.

Riggs' term with the City of Newton will begin March 1, 2008, at a base salary of \$106,000. Director of Community Development Tim Johnson will serve as interim city manager after Jim Heinicke's retirement on Dec. 14.

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