

Groves City Council Appoints Kevin Carruth as City Manager

Groves, Texas (October 9, 2023). At their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Oct. 9, the Groves City Council unanimously appointed Kevin Carruth as their next city manager. Mr. Carruth was selected from twenty-one (21) applicants including three finalists. Mr. Carruth replaces long-time City Manager D.E. Sosa, who retired from service after nearly 20 years with Groves last December. Mr. Carruth will officially start in Groves on October 30, 2023. Leading the search process, was Slavin Management Consultants, Norcross, Georgia, a nationally renowned local government executive search firm, specializing in assisting local governments find their next Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Carruth brings twenty-seven years of experience as a city manager, the last ten in Rockport, Texas. Additionally, he has extensive economic development, emergency management, and grant management experience. Mr. Carruth and his wife Shawn, have local ties to Groves with his wife Shawn a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School and they were married in Groves First United Methodist Church. "I am excited to join a Council and staff team eager to leverage the opportunities Groves offers and move the community forward. Shawn and I are also happy to return to Southeast Texas and be near family."

Mayor Chris Borne said, "Mr. Carruth has a significant depth of knowledge managing cities, addressing a variety of challenges and implementing initiatives that are very important to the Council and the community." Mayor Borne further stated, "Mr. Carruth has demonstrated strong leadership, with direct experience in the priorities desired by the Council including some local direct knowledge of Groves."

About the City of Groves and the City Manager Position. Groves is a Council-Manager Form of Government and operates with an adopted City Charter. The position reports directly to the 5-member elected City Council and oversees the day-to-day operations of the organization. In addition to the City Manager, charter officers include the City Attorney, who both report to and are appointed by the City Council. Additionally, Groves Police Department is managed by an elected Marshall, but the department's budget is part of the City Manager's budget submitted to the Council annually.