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KANSAS MAYOR OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

The Kansas Mayors Association is pleased to announce Kevin Hammond, Mayor of Garden Plain, as the 2026 Mayor of the Year. He has dedicated more than 17 years of public service to his community, serving as a councilmember before becoming mayor. Under his leadership, the community has experienced strategic and intentional growth, redevelopment, investments in quality-of-life amenities, and long-range planning for public utilities and infrastructure needs. Smaller cities must often make do with fewer resources, and he is a perfect example of being able to do more, with less, and make it look effortless. In his rare time off, he and his wife have coached a recreational youth track club for over 26 years. He is also actively involved in the Chamber of Commerce and helps plan and volunteer at nearly every large community event. Mayor Hammond is a dedicated public servant leader who seems to be everywhere and always lends a hand with everything, whether it is helping mow the parks in preparation for a special event, out in the middle of the night checking on the public works team in the frigid cold of winter as they frantically worked to repair a water leak in below-freezing temperatures, or volunteering to work the concession stands for the middle school football teams on Saturday mornings.

This year's winner was selected by the nominating committee based on his remarkable dedication to the City of Garden Plain.



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