North West Kansas

GOODLAND

SEEKING A CITY MANAGER

Goodland a vibrant, progressive city in Sherman County has a beautiful downtown, gorgeous city parks, and historic landmarks. Explore, experience and enjoy the unique shops and locally owned restaurants of Downtown Goodland where you will enjoy unhurried shopping and small town service. Bask in the community-oriented environment and many local attractions and events. Goodland invites you to call their community your home.
SITUATED
Located along I-70 near the Kansas-Colorado border. Goodland is a regional hub that serves as a major retail outlet for northwest Kansas, southern Nebraska, and eastern Colorado.

SCHOOLS
USD 352 School District, a progressive and committed school district, in a cooperative effort with families and community, educating students to be responsible, problem-solving citizens who produce quality work in their individual pursuit of excellence by offering relevant, academically challenging, and diverse learning experiences.

Goodland is home to Northwest Kansas Technical College, a forward thinking, premier leader in career and technical education whose goal is to maximize learning through progressive technology and facilities, collaborations, and professional experiences that foster lifelong learning in a diverse global society.

ARTS & CULTURE
Interact with local and regional artists’ at the Carnegie Arts Center, originally built in 1913 as a Carnegie library. See a replica of America’s First Patented Helicopter at the High Plains Museum or visit the White Eagle Gas Station and check out the oil company memorabilia. Step back in time at the 1907 Victorian Ennis-Handy House or the United Telephone Building built in 1931. The Sherman Theatre on Main Street is a beautiful place to spend some time with family, take in a movie or to look around at the building itself. Goodland is a major hunting community, every fall Goodland hosts the “Flatlander Festival”.

DEMOGRAPHICS
Population: 4,386
Average Age: 37
Average Family Size: 2.2
91.1% High School Diplomas
19.9% Bachelor Degree or Higher
ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT
A giant reproduction of Vincent Van Gogh’s “Three Sunflowers in a Vase” towers over the city. At 80-foot high, it is the World’s Largest Painting on an Easel and Mount Sunflower is the highest point in Kansas. Take a ride on the Kit Carson County Carousel, a national landmark. Enjoy a drive along America’s first agriculture-themed byway, the Land & Sky Scenic Byway. Sugar Hills Golf Club is the only 18-hole course in North Western Kansas. Experience the Arikaree Breaks self-guided driving tour with unique formations of geologic interest or stop by Soldier’s Memorial Park/Smoky Gardens.

ECONOMY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Uniquely positioned geographically close to medium and large metropolitan communities. Agriculture is the backbone of the economy, with many supporting businesses to thrive on the Kyle Railroad and I-70. Centrally located in the U.S. Goodland offers excellent transportation and marketing advantages for businesses. The City of Goodland also offers local incentives to qualifying businesses.

CITY SERVICES
The City of Goodland supplies electric, water and sewer utilities to its residents. The city operates its own electric generating and distribution system, generating electricity if needed. And provides police, fire and public transportation services for the community. The city maintains nine public parks, eight outdoor tennis courts, a public swimming pool/water park, two outdoor basketball courts, horseshoe pits, and a sports complex containing four softball fields, baseball field, two concession facilities and a children’s playground area.
POWERS & DUTIES
The City Manager reports to a progressive five-member commission, and oversees all departments. And is responsible for supervising the day-to-day activities of all employees, creating a budget that reflects the values of the governing body, and effectively delegate responsibilities to city staff. Goodland operates electric, water, wastewater utilities, and a municipal airport.

QUALIFICATIONS & QUALITIES DESIRED
The governing body is looking for candidates who can showcase a history of professionalism and a strong work ethic. And possesses excellent public relations and personnel management skills. The successful candidate will have strong leadership skills with a history of sound decision-making ability. And be adept in researching and analyzing policy and grants. This team-oriented leader will promote economic development initiatives, transparency in government, and positive intergovernmental relations. Applicants should have a bachelor’s degree in public administration or a related field, an MPA is preferred and more than 5 years of municipal management experience.

Competitive benefits; Salary $88-96K DOQ. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three work-related references to mailto:LEAPS-Goodland@LKM.org. If confidentiality is requested, please note in application materials. Position will remain open until filled. Application review will begin October 17. EOE.