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**SPRINGFIELD SELECTS NEW  
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER**

Jeff Towery has been selected as Springfield's new Assistant City Manager and is expected to start in April or May.

Towery currently serves as the Land Management Manager for Lane County, Oregon. He has more than 20 years of public service experience, including time as the City Manager of Cottage Grove, Oregon and the City Manager of Auburn, New York. He has a Master's of Public Administration degree from Syracuse, New York and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Montana State University.

Springfield City Manager Gino Grimaldi said the choice was made after an extensive national search, attracting more than 90 candidates. "I'm very proud of both the number and quality of experienced applicants who were interested in Springfield," said Grimaldi. "Jeff brings extensive experience, a commitment to public service and a deep desire to work with our Springfield community."

Jeff is a resident of Springfield and very active in the community and with organizations such as United Way and Rotary International. He is married to Doris Towery and they have two kids, Jared (6) and Paige (3).

"I view Springfield as a place with a strong sense of community and a clear vision for its future," said Towery. "I know it is a place where I can make a positive contribution and I'm honored to be a part of the City."

The Assistant City Manager position has been vacant since last October. Mike Harman, Sr. Management Analyst for Springfield Police, has served in the interim role. "Mike has been a lifesaver over the last few months," said Grimaldi. "He is a great example of the kind of 'can-do' employees we are lucky to have here at the City."