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City of Monroe Hires City Engineer

(Monroe, LA) Mayor Friday Ellis and the City of Monroe are excited to welcome Craig “Morgan” McCallister, P.E. to the position of City Engineer. Morgan previously served as Project Engineer at Volkert, Inc.

Morgan is a native of Provencal, LA, but has called Northeast Louisiana home for over 22 years. Morgan graduated from Louisiana Tech University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. During his junior year in college, Morgan had the opportunity to work as an intern for the City of Ruston Public Works Department. Under the direction of the City Project Construction Manager, he was introduced to numerous aspects of Public Works’ daily construction and maintenance operations. During his senior year in college, Morgan began his engineering career on a part-time basis with RCH Company, Inc. of West Monroe, LA and ultimately accepted a full-time position upon graduation. In 2016, Morgan joined Denmon Engineering Company of Monroe, LA. In 2021, the nationally recognized engineering firm Volkert, Inc. acquired Denmon Engineering Company where Morgan remained as a Project Engineer.

Throughout his engineering career, Morgan has gained critical experience in various areas of the profession, including project submittal review, preliminary site investigation, client relations, engineering design, construction management, and survey scheduling.

Morgan is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), ASCE Shreveport Branch, ASCE Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI), and the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) where he is a former Monroe Chapter officer.

Morgan has served the NELA area in various outreach and community efforts through numerous organizations. Morgan currently serves as the bi-vocational pastor at Trinity Baptist Church. Additionally, Morgan has been a coach for many years for various child age groups in baseball, basketball, and football.

Mayor Ellis says he is looking forward to Morgan’s transition to the City of Monroe. “Morgan’s experience and his background will allow him to lead our engineering department through the unique landscape that is the City of Monroe’s infrastructure. He understands stormwater and retention efforts and has the depth of knowledge to navigate the city through flood mitigation efforts,” says Mayor Ellis.

Chief Operating Officer Jimmie Bryant steered the search for a new engineer after Kim Golden announced her departure; he says it was an arduous process. “The search began

immediately. We spoke with several candidates and after a lengthy consideration process, we decided on Morgan. I believe his energy and enthusiasm for the work ahead will drive the City of Monroe in the right direction."

Morgan's official start date is June 13, 2022.

Mayor Friday Ellis will introduce Morgan during a press conference Wednesday, June 8th at 11:30 a.m. in Monroe City Council Chambers. Mayor Ellis, Chief Bryant, and Morgan will all be available for an interview.

Best,

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