



## NEWS RELEASE

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# Spring Hill's rapid growth, progress comes with broad range of fresh talent, new positions

**SPRING HILL, Tenn.** – As the City of Spring Hill continues to experience exponential growth, providing expanded City services to thousands of new residents has meant consistently hiring additional staffing.

The newly approved 2016-17 fiscal year budget, which takes effect tomorrow, includes 13 new full-time positions, including an accounts payable clerk in Utility Billing, an associate city planner, a marketing and recruitment coordinator, four police officers, four firefighters, two Public Works employees, and additional part-time staff in the Parks and Recreation Department and at Spring Hill Public Library.

Meanwhile, over the past year, the City of Spring Hill hired more new staff and employees in a single 12-month period than any other time in the city's history in an attempt to keep up with the city's rapid growth.

Here's a look at city employees hired during the past year, along with newly created positions in the upcoming budget:

**Accountant:** Robin Bates started Jan. 6 as an accountant, a new Finance Department role created out of the position previously held by Missy Stahl, who was promoted to project manager in Public Works. Robin previously was an auditor for the State of Tennessee's Auditing Division. She is a certified fraud examiner, a Certified Government Financial Manager, and a CPA.

**Assistant Library Director:** Library Circulation Director Gail Adkins, who has worked at the Spring Hill Public Library for the past eight years, and served nine months as interim library director, is scheduled to retire June 30. The Library Board of Directors recently chose Dana Juriew to fill her position, the title of which has been changed to assistant library director. Dana, who starts Aug. 1, has worked in various capacities of library services for the past 21 years, and holds a Master of Information and Library Studies Degree from the University of Michigan, and a Library Media Specialist Endorsement Teaching Certificate from Middle Tennessee State University.

**Assistant Superintendent of Public Works-Streets:** Christian Saxe was hired in October as the new assistant superintendent of Public Works overseeing streets. Chris brings an extensive breadth of experience from his work in California in pavement preservation and Public Works management.

**Building Inspector:** Tyler Turner started in early June as the City's newest building inspector, filling an existing vacant position. Tyler previously worked as a construction inspection project manager and has extensive knowledge of construction building methods and standards. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Concrete Industry Management from Middle Tennessee State University. Tyler inspects residential and commercial buildings during various stages of construction and remodeling and enforces compliance with current City codes and regulations.

**City Engineer:** Tom Wolf started Nov. 4 as the City's first full-time city engineer. Until now, the City has contracted with Jerome Dempsey, a principal of the Dempsey Dilling Associates firm in Smyrna. Dempsey now focuses on the many capital improvement projects currently on Spring Hill's slate.

Wolf, who was most recently employed as public works director and engineer for the City of Hopkinsville, Ky., comes with 40 years experience, including work in many municipalities similar to Spring Hill.

**E-911 Dispatchers:** Five new dispatchers have been hired over the past year to fill vacant emergency dispatcher positions:

-Emily Seley, who graduated from Penn State and has a crisis and social work background, started Sept. 8, 2015.

-Robert L. Connell, a 2002 graduate of Centre College in Kentucky, spent 11 years in active-duty Army as a Field Artilleryman and has continued to serve for the past three years in the Army Reserves. Robert started in April 2016.

-Lynda Cline, who comes with 17 years of dispatch and other related work experience, from Las Vegas, will start July 5.

-Chloe Ellerd, a Maury County volunteer firefighter with experience as an EMT at Moore Care Ambulance Service in Lawrenceburg, will start July 5.

The E-911 Dispatch Department is now hiring for three remaining vacant dispatch positions.

**Firefighters:** The following firefighters have been hired in roughly the past year, noting past work experience:

-Tony Lee, hired May 26, 2015; Giles County and Life Guard Ambulance.

-Chad Caudy, hired Aug. 17, 2015; Dickson County Volunteer Fire Department.

-Logan White, hired Aug. 17, 2015; Maury County Rural Fire and Maury County EMS.

-Joshua Burns, hired Aug. 17, 2015; Hohenwald Fire Department.

-Dylan Hardy, hired Sept. 14, 2015; Hohenwald Fire Department.

-Robert Pitts, hired April 18, 2016; Maury County Rural Fire Department.

The SHFD currently has one existing vacant firefighter position, and four newly budgeted positions, for a total of five open firefighter positions.

**Fire Marshal:** Tony Wallace started Sept. 16, 2015, as the City's first fire marshal. He came with nearly 40 years of relevant work experience, including 25 years as a professional firefighter who moved up through the ranks and previously served as Assistant Fire Marshal with the Nashville

Metro Fire Department since 2003. Wallace holds a Bachelor of Science degree in his field and a long list of firefighting certifications.

**Human Resources Administrative Assistant:** Wanda McClain started June 28 to fill the previously vacant role of providing Human Resources support services to HR Director Shelley Taylor, and helping administer benefits and services to employees and new applicants. Wanda comes to the City after 10 years with Maury County government, where she last served as an HR assistant, along with five years prior experience working for the Maury County Board of Education.

**IT Specialist:** Nick Hoeldtke started in October 2015 as the newest member of the IT Department. Nick came to the City from Local Government Corp., where he worked as a network support specialist. Nick holds an Associate's Degree in Computer Networking from Nashville State Technical Community College, and has worked in a wide range of IT functions for the past eight years. He also has been doing IT work for the U.S. Army for the last seven years.

**Library Director:** Hulen Bivens, a former director of the South Carolina and North Dakota State Library systems, started Feb. 15 as the new director of the Spring Hill Public Library. Appointed by the Spring Hill Library Board of Trustees, Mr. Bivens came from Blythewood, SC, with more than 40 years of library experience, including top posts in university and public libraries as well as state library agencies. Mr. Bivens replaced former Library Director Alan Couch, who left the position in May 2015 to take a library post in Colorado.

**Municipal Court Bailiff:** The City is seeking to fill a new position serving the Spring Hill Municipal Court. The Court Bailiff will serve as a court officer, maintaining order during courtroom proceedings, enforcing courtroom rules and policies, and maintaining security during trials and other proceedings. The position will replace the need to have a city police officer serving in this capacity.

**Police officers:** These officers were hired at SHPD within the past one-year period:

-Shawn Allen, former police officer with the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Police Department.

-Byron Davis, veteran of U.S. Marines, Maury County Sheriff's Department

-Bryan Jones, former police officer with Columbia Police Department

-Ryan Mangrum, veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

-Adam McIntyre, veteran of the U.S. Army.

-Timothy Rooney, veteran of the U.S. Army.

SHPD now has three existing vacant police officer positions available, and four newly budgeted positions, for a total of seven open police officer positions.

**Project Manager:** Missy Stahl, who previously served as the City of Spring Hill's finance officer, was promoted last year to serve in a new role within Public Works managing the City's many capital projects. Her role includes overseeing the complex Duplex Road widening project.

**Recreation Manager:** Sonjalyn Dickson Rine came to the City in August 2015 as the new Recreation Manager for the Parks & Recreation Department, having more than 30 years of related experience. Sonja last served from 2002-2015 as the recreation specialist for Maury County Parks & Recreation. As Spring Hill's Recreation Manager, she coordinates and promotes quality recreation program activities for residents of Spring Hill. Sonja oversees the park

reservation system; works with local sport leagues, community groups, schools and committees to stimulate interest and develop recreation program support including fundraising; and recruits instructors, partners, sponsors, volunteers, and local talent to present quality parks and recreation events and programs.

**Stormwater (MS4) Coordinator:** Jeremy Polk started last year, filling a vacant position, as the stormwater coordinator handling Spring Hill's Municipal Separate Stormwater System (known as MS4). Jeremy came to the City with 10 years experience as an energy projects manager, and 13 years of military service. Jeremy holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Harding University in Searcy, Ark. Due to his strong energy projects background, Jeremy also has been instrumental in handling our City's energy grant needs.

**Vehicle & Equipment Mechanic:** The City now has its own mechanic shop for basic maintenance of the city fleet, a function that previously had been privately contracted. Major tools and equipment were purchased and installed at the former Port Royal Fire Station, now being used as the Public Works maintenance garage. Jason Brown, of Columbia, who started in the position April 18, comes to the City with 17 years of auto mechanic experience, including four years as a mechanic in the U.S. Army. Jason holds an Associates Degree in Business Management from Columbia State Community College and graduated from ITT Technical Institute in civil engineering.

**Water Quality Technician:** This new position was created last year to help at the Water Treatment Plant with water sampling and mandated water quality reporting requirements. Jessica Weaver, a Spring Hill native, started work as our first water quality technician in November 2015, bringing to the City 18 years of work experience ranging from clerical and customer service duties to administrative and management experience, including four years as a water plant operator for the City of Franklin, where she last held the position of Planning and Research Specialist. Jessica holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law, Justice and Society from Lipscomb University, in Nashville, and an Associates of Science Degree in Business Management from Columbia State Community College, where she earned a Tennessee Grade IV Water Treatment License.

For City of Spring Hill employment information, or to apply for an open position, visit [www.springhilltn.org](http://www.springhilltn.org) and click "Employment" in the center menu.

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