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## **STAFF MINI-BIOGRAPHY JASON GAGE, CITY MANAGER**

Jason has been Salina's city manager since July of 2005. Prior to this time, he served as the city manager of Stillwater, Oklahoma; assistant city manager and management intern/analyst in Salina; and city manager of De Soto, Missouri.

Jason was born and raised in southwest Missouri. He and former President Harry S Truman share Lamar as their birthplace. Jason has earned a Bachelor's of Arts Degree with a major in Political Science from Missouri Southern State University and a Masters of Public Administration Degree from the University of Missouri. He is a credentialed International City/County Management Association (ICMA) member, a former Kansas Association of City/County Managers (KACM) board member and president, and has served on various community boards including the Salina Area United Way. In 2013, Jason was also honored by receiving the Buford M. Watson Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Management by the Kansas Association of City/County Management.

Jason enjoys spending time with his family, early morning YMCA basketball and physical fitness. He also likes to camp, fish and read in his spare time. Jason has a passion for making a difference and believes that city government is one of the most effective ways to help people. People will often hear him talk of high standards and expectations, with an emphasis on community building.