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City of Abilene welcomes new Director of the Abilene Zoological Gardens

ABILENE, Texas – The City of Abilene would like to welcome Jesse Pottebaum as the new Director of the Abilene Zoological Gardens. Mr. Pottebaum comes to Abilene from Austin, where he most recently served as Deputy Director of the Austin Zoo.

In total, Mr. Pottebaum has more than 20 years of experience in the Zoological field. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Research from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, Mr. Potttebaum started his career with SeaWorld San Antonio, working with orca whales. He then spent 15 years at SeaWorld Florida, where he served as Curator of Animal Training.



Mr. Pottenbaum will begin work as Director of the Abilene Zoo May 28th.

“In our extensive search to find the next Director of the Abilene Zoo, we held certain attributes to be qualifiers for our candidates. These attributes include integrity, professionalism, leadership, and enthusiasm. Mr. Pottebaum impressed upon the hiring committee all of these traits, and more,” stated Abilene City Manager Robert Hanna.

Please join the City of Abilene and Abilene Zoological Society in welcoming Mr. Pottebaum, his wife, Sara, and their three children to the Abilene community. We are excited to have him join our team, and look forward to the continued growth of the Abilene Zoo.

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