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Salisbury City Council Appoints W. Lane Bailey as Salisbury City Manager

**Salisbury\_NC\_February 18, 2015** – After a unanimous decision, the Salisbury City Council has appointed W. Lane Bailey as the next City Manager for the City of Salisbury.

Bailey is an established manager with 25 years' local government experience, having served 7 years as a County Manager and over 14 years as a municipal manager. He most recently served as City Manager for the City of Lenoir, a position he held since 2004. A well respected leader, Bailey becomes Salisbury's 12<sup>th</sup> City Manager.

Mayor Paul Woodson commented, "I was impressed with Lane's demeanor during his interview. He has a positive outlook and will bring great vision to our City. He has a remarkable history as an established Manager and is held in high regard in his community and throughout the state. I believe Salisbury is on the verge of exciting change and with Mr. Bailey's impeccable credentials and experience, he's just the person to lead us."

A member of the International City County Management Association, Bailey is also a member and past president of the North Carolina City County Management Association. A graduate of Appalachian State University, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He was named the NC Society of Certified Managers Public Manager of the Year in 2009.

Working with Developmental Associates, Council received applications from 56 candidates, and after thorough review narrowed the applicants to 12. Council took time to comprehensively research the candidates to further narrow the field to 6, and then conducted in-depth interviews to identify its top choice. Woodson noted Bailey's values and focus on customer service closely aligned with Salisbury's and his ability to build consensus and relationships clearly made him the best choice for the community.



Bailey is married to wife Ruth, a school counselor. They have two children, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade son Brennan and 6<sup>th</sup> grade daughter Katherine. Bailey said his family is excited about Salisbury and they look forward to relocating as quickly as possible. Bailey will be sworn in as City Manager as soon as his commitment is completed in Lenoir.

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