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Woodruff releases names of finalists for city manager job

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The city of Woodruff released the list of finalists for the city manager position on Wednesday.

The Herald-Journal had requested the list on Tuesday, but Mayor Brad Burnett said he was on vacation this week and referred calls to Donna Kazia, of the Appalachian Council of Governments.

Kazia assisted Woodruff in its search for a new city manager. ACOG is a voluntary organization of local governments in the Upstate and offers services, including assistance with public administration, planning and information systems technology, to its members.

After initially refusing the request on Tuesday, Kazia released the names Wednesday morning.

State law requires public agencies to release the names of the final pool of applicants for employment positions.

The four finalists for the position were Stephanie Monroe, city of Spartanburg planning director; James Fatland, town manager of Highlands, N.C.; James McCallister, business manager for the town of Fort Mill; and Paul Lowe, of Hickory, N.C., who was most recently a management intern with the city of Lenoir, N.C.

Council hired Monroe as its new city manager, and she will begin her duties on Dec. 5, earning an annual salary of \$64,000. She earns \$74,672 in her current role.

Monroe was formerly director of the Spartanburg office of Upstate Forever and was the first planning director for both Laurens County and the city of Clinton. She holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of South Carolina.

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