DEBBIE REID - biography

Debbie Reid is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Texas with 37 years of experience: 8 years in public accounting and the private sector, 12 years in non-profit and 17 years in local government finance. Her years in local government finance were with the City of Midland, Michigan for five years, the City of Mesquite, Texas for twelve years and the City of Amarillo, Texas for one year. Debbie joined the City of Amarillo, Texas as Finance Director in October of 2020. Debbie enjoys hiking, traveling, working out, various sports, cultural events, community outreach, mission work and is most recently learning all about fly fishing and grandchildren.

Debbie was Director of Finance for the City of Mesquite, Texas for 12 years, during which she directed the operations of Accounting (including payroll processing, Warehouse operations and Print Shop/Mailroom), Budget and Financial Analysis, Purchasing and Collections (including cash receipt functions, Tax Office, Municipal Court, and Utility Billing). She was also responsible for coordinating the City's annual bond sale, financial transparency initiative, special purpose districts and all financial reporting to the City Council. Debbie accepted the position of Finance Director for the City of Amarillo in October of 2020 and is responsible for many of the same functions as she had in Mesquite.

Debbie has been a part of two major ERP system implementations. She was the project manager of the Implementation of HTE software at the City of Midland, Michigan several years ago and the project manager of the implementation of Tyler Technology's Munis software at the City of Mesquite, Texas from 2012 through 2015. Both implementations were successfully completed.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

October 2020 – present Director of Finance, City of Amarillo

February 2013 – September 2020 Director of Finance, City of Mesquite

September 2008 – January 2013 Manager of Accounting Services, City of Mesquite

December 2000 - September 2008 Non-profit and private sector

November 1996 - December 2000 Controller, City of Midland, Michigan

September 1992 – November 1996 Non-profit and private sector

July 1988 – January 1992 Manager of Finance, Integrated Metal Technology, Spring

Lake, Michigan

August 1986 – July 1988 Internal Auditor, Herman Miller Inc., Zeeland, Michigan

May 1984 – August 1986 Auditor, BDO Seidman CPA Firm, Grand Rapids, Michigan

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Accounting

Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan (1984)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) 2010 - Present

State of Texas

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) 1986 - 2010

State of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Governmental Finance Officers Association Governmental Finance Officers Association of Texas

PERSONAL

Interests: Hiking, traveling, working out, various sports, cultural events, community outreach, mission work