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WRRC Manager Retiring After More Than 40 Years of Service

DUBUQUE, Iowa – City of Dubuque Water and Resource Recovery Center (WRRC) Manager Jonathan Brown will retire on Thursday, Feb. 26, after more than 40 years with the City.

The public is welcome to attend a retirement reception for Brown on Thursday, March 10, from 5:30-7 p.m. in Meeting Room Four of the Grand River Center, 500 Bell St. A presentation will be given at 5:45 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Brown has managed the Water & Resource Recovery Center (formerly the Water Pollution Control Plant) since 2005. He began his career at Dubuque's wastewater plant as a laboratory technician in the 1970s and throughout the years served as an operator, chemist, and assistant manager before becoming manager. As manager, Brown oversaw a nearly \$70 million facility upgrade completed in 2013, the largest capital improvement project in the city's history at that time.

"I have always enjoyed being a part of the City organization," said Brown. "I feel fortunate to have been a part of the progress that has been made, especially with the improvement in water quality leaving the plant over the years."

In 2014, Brown was the recipient of the William D. Hatfield Award for outstanding performance and professionalism in the treatment and maintenance of a wastewater plant. He is a member of the Water Environment Federation and the American Water Works Association, and served as past president of the Iowa Water Environment Association.

Assistant WRRRC Manager William O'Brien will serve as acting WRRRC manager. The City expects to appoint a permanent manager by May 1, 2016.

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