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Reception for Retiring Public Works Director

DUBUQUE, Iowa – City of Dubuque Public Works Director Don Vogt will retire on April 29, 2016, after more than 40 years with the City of Dubuque. The public is invited to attend a retirement reception for Vogt on Wednesday, May 11, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Grand River Center, 500 Bell St. A short program will be held at 6 p.m.

Vogt joined the City of Dubuque in 1975 as the assistant street superintendent after earning a bachelor's degree in business from Loras College and an MBA in industrial relations from the University of Iowa and initially working for A.Y. McDonald Manufacturing. He was promoted to the City's operations and maintenance division manager in 1990. The operations and maintenance division became the public works department and Vogt was appointed public works director in 2006.

He has been instrumental in the many policy and management changes related to the City's curbside collection program, including the design and start-up of its recycling, large item, yard debris, and food residual collection services. Vogt also established the City's asphalt street overlay program in 1993, which has resulted in the paving of over 200 miles of streets over the last 23 years. Vogt also served as the primary administrator for the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency (DMASWA) since 1991. He has managed the construction of six landfill cells and the extension of the life of the DMASWA Landfill from the end of the 20th century to the end of the 21st century. Vogt also co-managed the \$12 million construction the City's Municipal Services Center at 925 Kerper Court, a new 126,000 square foot public works facility completed in 2005.

Vogt has been a member of the American Public Works Association (APWA) since 1990 and the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) since 1993. He served on the Iowa SWANA Chapter Board of Directors from 2002-2010, the last four years as secretary. Vogt also chaired the chapter's awards committee and conference committee during his eight years on the board.

City of Dubuque Street and Sewer Maintenance Supervisor John Klostermann has been appointed as Vogt's successor. Klostermann will begin as public works director on May 2.

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