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Klostermann Appointed Public Works Director

DUBUQUE, Iowa – City Manager Mike Van Milligen has appointed Street and Sewer Maintenance Supervisor John Klostermann as Dubuque’s next public works director, effective May 2, 2016.

Klostermann will replace Public Works Director Don Vogt who 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 Street. A program will be held at 6 p.m.

“John is an exceptionally talented individual who has taken on statewide leadership roles in the field of public works,” said Van Milligen. “John has been responsible for street and sewer maintenance, including snow and ice removal, for over 20 years and has served the community well. He will continue to provide outstanding leadership as the new public works director.”

Klostermann joined the City of Dubuque in 1975. He has held a series of positions with progressively more responsibilities: street department laborer (1975-1980), street maintenance worker (1980-1983), street maintenance foreman (1983-1990), and street maintenance supervisor (1990-1994). He has served as the City’s street and sewer maintenance supervisor since 1994.

Klostermann’s current responsibilities as street and sewer maintenance supervisor include: planning and operation of riverfront maintenance, street and traffic lighting, street maintenance, snow and ice control, sanitary sewer maintenance, storm sewer maintenance, flood control, and Port of Dubuque maintenance. He is also responsible for the development of operating and capital improvement budgets for those activities, equipment replacement schedules, the annual street and sewer maintenance programs,

flood control operations, and maintenance plans for the John C. Culver Flood Control System. As public works director, Klostermann will be responsible for oversight of these activities and refuse collection and recycling, landfill operations, and the municipal garage.

Klostermann is a member of the American Public Works Association (APWA), the APWA Iowa Chapter, and the Water Environment Association. He was a member of the APWA Iowa Chapter board from 1999-2004, serving as president in 2003, and was named the APWA Iowa Chapter's Leader of the Year in 2004.

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