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Director of Public Works Recognized for Years of Service

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s director of the Public Works Department was recently recognized for his years of service and contributions to the city.

During Tuesday night’s council meeting, City Council surprised Jim Baker, director of Public Works, with special recognition. Baker was awarded the American Public Works Association (APWA) lifetime member designation.

This designation is given to APWA members who have had 30 years of continuous membership with the organization.

“We are proud of Mr. Baker’s years of service and commitment to this community,” explained Kurt Hodgen, city manager. “It is not often that you find someone in Jim’s profession who has dedicated this amount of time to a single community. His commitment to a career with Harrisonburg has been a significant benefit to the city.”

Baker was hired by the city in 1982 as a maintenance foreman and worked his way up to begin serving as the director of Public Works in 1994.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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