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Haysville Recognizes Long Term Employees

Haysville, KS (July 22, 2015) The City of Haysville recently celebrated six long time employees by treating them to a luncheon. Between them, they have 172 years of service with the city. Longevity of this degree is common in Haysville, where the 70-some full time employees have over 570 years of service combined.

“It’s important to recognize employees when they achieve these milestones,” says Chief Administrative Officer Will Black. “People who feel appreciated tend to work harder, take fewer sick days, and generally just perform better overall.”

Employees are recognized for every 5 years of service with the City. At 5 years, employees are verbally recognized at bi-annual all employee meetings. At 10 years and every 5 years thereafter, they are given a plaque to acknowledge the milestone. At 20, 30, and 40 years they are invited to a luncheon, hosted by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer.

Mayor Bruce Armstrong notes, “We are truly grateful for the commitment that not only these six employees have made to the City of Haysville, but that all our staff exhibit every day. Without dedicated people like them, the progress we’ve made as a city just wouldn’t exist. We really have a good group of employees.”

Of those employees recognized last month, two were from the Police Department, one was from the City Clerk’s Department and three were from Public Works.

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Chief of Police Jeff Whitfield began his career at the city as a Police Department dispatcher in 1995. After about six months, Whitfield began work as a Patrol Officer and eventually held the positions of Master Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Support Services Lieutenant. His duties throughout that time included teaching DARE, working investigations, performing administrative duties, emergency management and more. He became Chief of Police in 2011. When asked what he likes most about his job, Chief Whitfield says, "I enjoy solving problems, and working with citizens and employees from other departments. I have always enjoyed helping people and creating policies and procedures that make things easier for others."

In 1980, Bruce Powers was hired as a Patrol Officer for the Police Department and was promoted to Detective in 1981. He worked in the Investigative Section and the Patrol Section, and in 1997 went to polygraph school. He has been doing polygraphs ever since, even after being promoted to Captain in 2005. Captain Powers says, "I thought I'd only be here for about a year and then move on to a bigger department, but I've met some really interesting people in my 35 years and working with (former) Chief Kitchings was a very good experience, so I decided to stay."

Kirby Manny has worked in the Public Works department since 1986. He began his time in Haysville in the Street and Water department, and transferred to Parks in 1989. He has been the Park Supervisor ever since. Kirby says the thing he enjoys most about his job is the people, both employees and citizens, he works with every day. Another long term Public Works employee who was recently recognized is Roy Jolivet. He has been with the City since 1984 and is currently the Assistant Public Works Director.

Randy Dorner, who has been with the city since 1989, began his career as a Heavy Equipment Operator/ Welder. He advanced quickly through the ranks as both a Project Coordinator and Assistant Public Works Director and has served as the City's Public Works Director for the last 18 years. "The best part of my job is the excitement of taking a concept, an idea, and turning it into a completed project. There have been so many, and it really brings me a lot of satisfaction," explains Dorner.

In 1985, Janie Cox began her career with the City as a Police Dispatcher. She worked in PD until 1994, when she transferred to the City Clerk's department as a Data Process Coordinator/ Bookkeeper. In 2007 she was promoted to Human Resources/ Assistant City Clerk and became City Clerk/ Treasurer in 2011, where she has been ever since. Janie's favorite thing about working at the City of Haysville? "The people. I have worked for and alongside some truly wonderful people through the years and have learned a great deal from them. The City of Haysville has been a wonderful place to live and work."

The City of Haysville is a better place because of the loyalty and commitment these employees have given during their time here. They are certainly part of the Great Things Happening in Haysville!

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