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## Press Release

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### Newton City Manager to retire in December

Newton City Manager Jim Heinicke has announced he will retire Dec. 14 after more than 17 years with the City of Newton.

Heinicke presented his retirement notice to the Newton City Commission at a special meeting Thursday afternoon. He said he hoped to spend more time with his family and explore other personal interests.

“Life seems to have three ages,” he said. “My first age was spent in full-time learning, getting a formal education. My second age has been spent working full-time. After 35 years of this type of work, I want to have more time with my wife and family, and to explore personal interests that haven’t reached my time priorities before. So I hope my third age is one of self-renewal and exploration of things I have never done before.”

Heinicke said he and his wife, Joyce, will remain in the Newton community.

“Working in Newton has been an outstanding experience for me,” he said. “Living here has been a very positive experience, and I have no desire to reside elsewhere.

“Over the past several years, our community has supported many progressive agendas to make Newton a better place to live and work, and I have no doubt that citizens will demand that this continue.”

Heinicke came to the City of Newton in 1990 as director of finance and became city manager in 1997. He had previously served as city manager in North Newton and in Maize.

Among the major City accomplishments during his tenure in Newton are Sand Creek Station Golf Course, the City’s recycling program, the City’s response to the ice storm of 2005, creation of Wholesale Water District No. 17, and the unprecedented mill levy reduction in 2006.

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“A city manager can’t do anything by himself,” Heinicke said. “It takes the vision of the City Commission, the expertise of staff and support of the community to accomplish important goals.”

Heinicke thanked Commissioners, City staff and citizens for allowing him to serve the community and help shape the future of Newton.

“It has been an extraordinary experience that I will remember the rest of my life,” he said. “While I will miss the people and being in the middle of things, I am confident that Newton can attract a highly capable city manager to lead the city into the future.”

The Newton City Commission has set a special meeting for 4 p.m. Aug. 3 to discuss the process for selecting a new city manager.

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