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Hotopp named new assistant city manager

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas — Director of Water/Wastewater and Engineering James Hotopp has been named assistant city manager for the City of Weatherford, effective May 1. Hotopp will fill the role of current Assistant City Manager Sharon Hayes who was recently announced as the upcoming city manager.

“The decision to promote Mr. Hotopp to assistant city manager just made sense based on his understanding and broad knowledge of our city operations,” said current Assistant City Manager Sharon Hayes. “Mr. Hotopp is a valuable asset to our internal operations and is a forward thinker, which is what this position requires on a daily basis.”

“I look forward to this new chapter with the City of Weatherford and am honored to become the next assistant city manager,” said James Hotopp. “Serving the community and moving Weatherford toward a better future is not only rewarding, but humbling. Weatherford is a great community and I am excited to serve our citizens in a new capacity.”

Hotopp has been with the City of Weatherford since January 2007 after working with a private engineering firm in the DFW metroplex. James has held positions of utility civil engineer and city engineer before being appointed as director of water/wastewater and engineering in April 2009.

Hotopp holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Texas. Hotopp has experience in designing all aspects of water distribution systems and wastewater collection systems.

Hotopp assumes the role of assistant city manager May 1 in correlation with the appointment of Sharon Hayes. For news inquiries, please contact public relations manager Blake Rexroat at 817-598-4209 or brexroat@weatherfordtx.gov.

Editor's note: A high-res image of James Hotopp is attached.

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