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## **Fairfield's Public Works and Public Utilities Departments Receive Prestigious APWA Re-Accreditations**

**KANSAS CITY, MO. – September 23, 2016** – Fairfield's Public Works Department and Public Utilities Departments have recently been awarded prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Re-Accreditations. The APWA Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry, as contained in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual. The Fairfield Public Works Department was first accredited in July, 2004 and re-accredited in October, 2008, and October, 2012. The department received its third Re-accreditation on September 1, 2016. The Fairfield Department of Public Utilities was first accredited in October, 2012 and re-accredited on September 1, 2016.

The Re-accreditation of Fairfield's Public Works Department and Public Utilities Department indicate the departments have met all applicable Accreditation documentation and practices over time. "The awarding of the APWA Re-Accreditation shows we have dedicated ourselves to concepts of improvement and in-depth self-assessment of department policies, procedures and practices. The heroes of this prestigious APWA award are the public works and public utilities staff whose mission is to provide public works services and programs that contribute to making Fairfield a great city," said Public Works Director, David Butsch.

The Fairfield Public Works Department's responsibilities include design, construction and materials specifications that impact the materials, specifications and standards used for infrastructure, as well as construction services for review, inspections and project management for public works infrastructure projects, as well as right-of-way permits and traffic management. Seasonal programs include brush and limb pickup, leaf collection, snow removal, and annual sidewalk programs, as well as the Geographic Information System for mapping the city, its services and facilities.

Other Public Works services include Yard Waste Services; and Streets program that provides for the care, repair and maintenance, snow removal, annual street asphalt overlay, roadside mowing and street sweeping of all public streets; drainage facilities; street landscaping; operation dump truck; and limb brush pickup. It is also responsible for the operation and maintenance of all traffic signals and signs.

The Fairfield Public Utilities Department provides water and sanitary sewer services for over 44,000 including a number of commercial and industrial establishments. To provide these services, the city pumps and treats close to 2 billion gallons of drinking water per year, and collects and treats roughly the same amount of wastewater. The department is managed with the primary goal of protecting human health, preventing water pollution, and providing exceptional customer service.

For Fairfield’s Public Works and Public Utilities Departments Re- Accreditations review, a team of public works professionals from Garner, NC; Lincoln, NE; and Kansas City, MO; completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their July 2016 site visit. “It’s great to have the Fairfield Public Works & Public Utilities Departments reach full compliance with their practices again. I commend their continued and renewed commitment to the detailed review of the agency’s policies and procedures to qualify,” said APWA Director of Accreditation Ann Daniels.

The Fairfield Public Works Department became the 20<sup>th</sup> agency and the Public Utilities Department became the 81<sup>st</sup> agency in North America to receive Accreditation. They join three other agencies in Ohio, who are accredited, including Dublin, Union Township and Westerville.

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