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**After 20 Years, Building Clerk Ruth Mattix to Retire from the City of Pleasant Hill**

**PLEASANT HILL, Iowa** – After a career spanning two decades, Ruth Mattix, Building Clerk in the Community Development Department will be retiring from the City of Pleasant Hill on July 27, 2016.

“I have truly enjoyed working for this great community for 20 years, which has become like home to me. I have seen tremendous growth in Pleasant Hill over the past two decades; including being part of the permitting process for 1,213 new construction residential homes and 78 commercial and industrial businesses. It has been my pleasure to work with elected officials, board and commission members, staff, builders, contractors and residents. As I move forward with future ventures, it will be the public interaction that I will miss the most,” said Building Clerk Ruth Mattix.

Mattix began her career with the City as the Utility Building Clerk in the water department on April 8, 1996. She held this role until Des Moines Water Works took over the operations of the city’s water billing and facilities in 2000, where she then acted as the Interim Receptionist until 2002. In 2002, she began her role as Building Clerk in the Community Development Department and still holds this position today.

Over the past 20 years, she has worked with five mayors, 22 council members, multiple members of the planning and zoning commission and board of adjustment, and four city managers. The population of the City has grown from 4,700 residents to over 9,300 today. With the population growth, a city hall expansion became necessary in 2004, where Ruth moved to her current space in the North City Hall Complex.

Mattix has two grown daughters, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. In retirement, Ruth looks forward to traveling, junkin’ with girlfriends, photography and spending time with her church and family.

“On behalf of the City, I want to thank Ruth for her many years of dedicated employment. She has been a valuable asset to the city’s community development department and her expertise will certainly be missed. We wish her all the best as she closes this chapter of her life to focus on retirement,” said City Manager Don Sandor.

An open house retirement celebration is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 in the City Council Chambers, 5160 Maple Drive in Pleasant Hill.

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