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**Rowlett, TX Public Works and Development Services Departments
Receive APWA Accreditation**

KANSAS CITY, MO. – July 14, 2017 - The City of Rowlett, TX Departments of Public Works and Development Services were awarded on June 7, 2017 the prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation designation. 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 City of Rowlett initially applied for Accreditation October 2013 and was awarded in May, 2017.

The Rowlett, TX Public Works and Development Services Departments will receive the Accreditation award from APWA Past President, Noel Thompson, at a presentation ceremony during the City Council meeting on July 18, 2017. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at 4000 Main Street, Rowlett, TX 75088, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Rowlett Accreditation indicates the two departments met all applicable Accreditation documentation and practices. “The awarding of the APWA 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 staff whose mission is to provide public works services and programs that contribute to making Rowlett a great community,” said Public Works Director, Shawn Poe.

“APWA Accreditation was more than just a process, it was the adoption of a philosophy and a culture of continuous improvement embraced by all. I am so proud of our team and the legacy by which our organization will endure, prosper and succeed,” said Rowlett Assistant City Manager, Jim Proce.

The Rowlett Departments of Public Works and Development Services is the 124th agency in North America to be awarded Accreditation and was the ninth in Texas. In addition to Rowlett, there are currently eight other agencies in Texas that are accredited, which include Arlington, Austin, College Station, Flower Mound, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Houston and Plano.

For the City of Rowlett’s Accreditation review, a team of public works professionals from Lee’s Summit, MO, Bend, OR, Covington, GA and Kansas City, MO completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their May, 2017 site visit.

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 29,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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