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City of Bastrop hires over 81 years of development experience in three key positions...

Bastrop County, Texas – October 2, 2018 –The City of Bastrop is pleased to announce they have filled all senior level development positions including the Director of Planning & Zoning, Director of Development and Engineering, and Building Official. “We have been searching for just the right candidates to join us in these critical roles, and we believe the team we have assembled will serve our customers and the City well as we plan for the next 100 years,” said City Manager Lynda Humble. All three positions fall within the Development Services Department, responsible for preserving the past while facilitating growth and quality of life in harmony with the vision of the City of Bastrop. The Development Services department consists of both the Planning and Engineering Divisions. Jerry Palady, Matt Jones, and David Brasich bring over 81 years of development experience, twenty-two years of municipal government experience, four higher education degrees, and nineteen professional certifications. “These dynamic additions to our development team will bring extensive experience and knowledge, a high level of professionalism, and commitment to provide excellent customer service consistently,” said Humble.

Development Services, Planning and Zoning, Director: Matt Jones, ACIP

Planning and Zoning Director Matt Jones started his new role with the City of Bastrop on September 19, 2018. Mr. Jones has over eleven years of experience in municipal government, most recently serving 3 1/2 years in Argyle, TX as Town Manager and Community Development Director. His background includes planning and economic development work for the communities of Trophy Club, Southlake, and Abilene, TX. Matt has focused on community engagement and high-quality developments that create a desirable quality of life for his communities. “Matt’s background and planning values align perfectly with the vision set by the City Council,” said Humble. Matt obtained his Bachelor of Science degree, with a focus on Urban and Regional Planning from Texas State University in 2006 and his Master of Public

Administration degree from The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in 2016. He is a certified planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and has graduated from the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Basic Economic Development Course. Matt has been married to his wife Crystal for 9 years and they have three children, Collin, Judge, and Caroline. He enjoys the outdoors and is an avid fisherman and hunter.

Development Services, Engineering & Development, Building Official: David Brasich, CBO

David Brasich will begin his employment with the City of Bastrop on October 15, 2018 as the new Building Official. For the last ten years, David has helped builders and managed code compliance programs as an Inspector and Building Official for the cities of Marble Falls, Austin, Cottonwood Shores, and West Lake Hills. He has been a construction trouble-shooter for over 40 years. As a teenager, he learned to build houses, advancing his skills in to a licensed plumbing contractor, working across the United States and France. David holds a multitude of certifications that range from: Building Official, Certified Flood Plain Manager, Registered Accessibility Specialist, State of Texas Code Enforcement Officer, Master Plumber, Master Med Gas, Plumbing Inspector, Multi-Purpose Residential Fire Protection Sprinkler Specialist Inspector, ICC Combination Residential Inspector, ICC Combination Commercial Inspector, ICC Accessibility Plans Examiner, ICC Residential Energy Plans Examiner, ICC Building Plans Examiner, ICC Electrical Plans Examiner, ICC Plumbing Plans Examiner, and Certified Storm Water Inspector. David is one class away from obtaining his Master Code Professional license. There are less than 1,000 people in the Country that have completed the necessary course work to achieve this. "I think David's resume speaks for itself, he prides himself on being a knowledgeable and innovative individual that understands and appreciates the critical responsibility of protecting the life safety of the public, today and in the future," said Humble. "We will provide the customer service our citizens expect and deserve." At home, David enjoys biking, camping, swimming, and riding horses with his wife Laura.

Development Services, Engineering & Development, Director: Jerry Palady

Jerry has been serving in an interim role with the City since last spring. A registered Engineer with a combined Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and Construction Management, Palady operated his own engineering firm for the past 20 years. Jerry has broad based project management experience in engineering, design, construction, and maintenance, leading all aspects of project management from conceptual design and completion in civil, structural, and municipal infrastructures. The City's Engineer has touched police and fire stations, city hall complexes, wastewater, street drainage, and underground utilities throughout his career ranging in cost from several thousand dollars to over \$350,000,000. His experience in multifaceted phases of municipal, commercial, and industrial power plant projects for new construction, remodels, expansions and retrofit renovations has already been a tremendous asset to the organization and the City's many customers. The City has consistently received praise from our development

community when they have interactions with Palady. "I've had numerous comments that people appreciate Jerry's demeanor, knowledge, and ability to make thoughtful decisions. They even seem to understand the reasons why when Jerry says "no," said Humble. Jerry and his wife Linda Palady are excited to complete the move from the metroplex to Bastrop, and spend time with their son, daughter in law, and grandchildren.

About Development Services

The Development Services department consists of both Planning & Engineering divisions. Engineering and Development provides and facilitates the building process, known as Building Inspections, and ensures plan implementation by providing project engineering analysis, guidance and direction that ensures objectives are met, fail-safe engineering practices, and transportation planning. Building Inspection maintains consistency in field directives and assures construction and building code compliance is met. Planning and Zoning facilitates land planning related to zoning, conditional use, platting, historical significance and variances.

About Building Bastrop:

Bastrop is committed to preserving our authentic past and creating a sustainable future, evidenced by recent bold policy decisions that launched the Building Bastrop initiative. Building Bastrop is a comprehensive reform of the community's development regulations. The initiative is taking a holistic approach to updating development regulations, standards, and the fiscal impacts that those guidelines and processes have on the city. To learn more about Building Bastrop, visit us online at www.cityofbastrop.org/buildingbastrop .

About The City of Bastrop:

Bastrop envisions itself as a welcoming community with a compassion for our diversity, a tapestry of people, arts, and structures; preserving our history and character while embracing progress around our unique environment. The mission of the City of Bastrop is to continuously strive to provide innovative and proactive services that enhance our authentic way of life to achieve our vision.

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