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City of Maryville Director of Financial Services to Retire June 30

Maryville, Tenn. – City of Maryville Finance Director and City Recorder Debbie Caughron has officially announced her retirement effective June 30. “After 39 years of service to the City, Caughron will leave her post to enjoy a well-deserved retirement,” said City Manager Greg McClain.

Caughron began her career with the City on June 1, 1978 as an accounting technician. In 1991, she was promoted to Assistant Director of Finance and City Recorder and was promoted to Director of Financial Services in 2006. She became a Certified Municipal Clerk in 1998, was recognized as Municipal Clerk of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Recorders in 2003, and received the designation of Certified Municipal Financial Officer in 2010.

Greg McClain said, “It has been a privilege to work with Debbie during my tenure as City Manager. Her experience and knowledge has provided a bridge of continuity and professionalism for the City’s financial services efforts. She has led the department through the evolutionary growth of the financial management practices of the City – and has been instrumental in maintaining stability while initiating and embracing innovation to meet the emerging demands of modern financial practices and their ever-changing dynamics. She managed all of this while wearing the additional distinctive hat of city recorder – a position requiring a high degree of attention to regulatory detail and customer service excellence. I could not be more proud of her service and the way she met every challenge with professionalism and a positive approach.”

“As Mayor for the past nine years and Councilman for 16, I have worked closely with Debbie in her role of Finance Director and City Recorder. I depend on Debbie’s reliable judgment and accurate transcription of Council proceedings in her role as City Recorder and City Council and I rest assured knowing the finance operations are running properly and efficiently – each year marked by exemplary audit reports. Debbie has certainly earned her retirement, and I hope she and Phil enjoy every moment of this new segment of their lives. She has embodied every aspect of a true public servant in her personal and professional life during her tenure with the City,” stated Tom Taylor, City of Maryville Mayor.

Debbie Caughron stated, “I couldn’t have imagined a career working with a better group of people than those here at the City. We have seen so many changes over the past forty years in municipal finance and the City as a whole – and I appreciate the dedication and professionalism of the individuals who have made our efforts successful. It has been my greatest honor to serve the City and the citizens of Maryville.”

Debbie an active member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and serves as the organist there. Debbie and her husband Phil will remain in Maryville and spend a good bit of her newfound time with her grandchildren. “We also plan to do some serious bass fishing,” she said.

For more information, please contact the City of Maryville Administration office at (865) 273–3401.

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