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Press Release

Greenville, IL, August 15, 2010: In a continuing effort to utilize the most effective staffing structure for the City of Greenville, several organizational changes will be made. According to Greenville City Manager, Dave Willey, the position of Assistant City Manager will be eliminated August 31, 2010.

As a result, a reorganization of various assignments will take place. Economic development activities will become the responsibility of the City Manager. Other revisions of staff roles are under consideration.

Lisa Stephens has served as Assistant City Manager for the past three years. She will work until late August to transition economic development responsibilities to the City Manager. In the interim, while restructuring is accomplished, the City Manager will perform her duties and work with industrial, commercial, and retail prospects. City Manager Willey stated that economic development will remain a high priority for the City.

“The review, evaluation, and reorganization of City staffing responsibilities comes at a time when all levels of government are facing decreased revenues,” Willey explained. “While these efforts are underway, a short – term, budget savings will result.”

“During her three years in this position, Lisa has done a tremendous job,” the Greenville City Manager said. “During that time, she has been instrumental in the location of Molinero, Inc., the Buchheit Farm and Home Store, Love’s Travel Center, Donnewald Distributing, Huddle House, The Bakery Nook, The Turret Café, and Kahuna’s Restaurant within the City of Greenville. The value of these projects totals over \$27 million and will result in the creation of 300 jobs.”

“Lisa was responsible for Greenville’s selection as a Project Carolina finalist,” Willey commented. “Her tenacious spirit, knowledge of incentive programs, and cooperative relationship with Federal and State government agencies will be missed. Lisa’s results - oriented attitude contributed to the City of Greenville’s industrial and commercial successes during a time when the national economy was sluggish. We wish her the best in the future”.

“A public reception will be planned in the near future to recognize and thank Lisa for her efforts,” the City Manager concluded. “The Mayor, City Council, City Staff, and I are very appreciative of the economic development foundation that has been established by Lisa since mid - 2007. We need to continue these efforts to enhance our community.”

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Greenville Mayor, Alan Gaffner, expressed his gratitude for the economic development accomplishments achieved by Lisa Stephens. “Her skills, energy, and passion made numerous projects a reality within our community,” Mayor Gaffner stated. “The success of the past three years has been historic.”