



### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Longtime Building & Grounds Manager Announces Retirement**

**(MARION, IN) April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – The City of Marion’s Building and Grounds Manager is retiring after 28 ½ years of service. Terry Kratzer began his long tenure with the City when he accepted the maintenance management role in December of 1988, after working eight years doing the same scope for the YMCA.

As a child and teenager, Kratzer worked on the family farm just outside Marion where he said he adopted a strong work ethic. He then worked for RCA for five years where he learned many different aspects of maintenance and operations.

“My dad instilled in me the belief that I could do anything.” Therefore, he said he enjoyed the everyday challenges working for the City of Marion.

Over nearly three decades, Kratzer took on many projects including office remodels, upkeep of multiple City-owned buildings, landscaping and more, while handling the day-to-day responsibilities. Kratzer made it his duty to be frugal with his budget, and to complete tasks no matter the circumstances.

Kratzer says he has taken on extra work for the family farm after the recent death of his father. He also plans to work in ministry for nursing home residents who don’t have family support. Kratzer said he is also going to undertake other farming opportunities.

“I’ll miss the people here and the business relationships I’ve made. It’s going to be hard to leave. I’ve really enjoyed working for the City,” said Kratzer.

Mayor Jess Alumbaugh said, “Terry’s departure will leave a significant impact on City Hall. We are grateful for his many years of dedicated service, and his presence will be missed.”

At one time there were four staff members of the Building & Grounds Department. There are currently two staff members including Kratzer’s position. Kratzer’s last day is June 16<sup>th</sup>, and the City is seeking applicants. To apply, visit <http://www.marionindiana.us/?q=node/17>, or see Chris White with Human Resources at City Hall, 301 S. Branson St., Marion, IN, 46952.

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