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City of Prior Lake Hires New Finance Director (photo attached)

The City of Prior Lake recently hired Jerilyn Erickson of Lonsdale, Minn. as its new finance director. She will start on Monday, Oct. 6. Erickson will replace Finance Director Ralph Teschner, who is retiring after serving the city for 31 years.

“This position presents an opportunity for continued career growth; one in which I could draw on my experience in management, property taxation, financial planning, budgeting, financial reporting and municipal investing,” says Erickson.

Erickson spent the last seven years serving the City of Burnsville as accounting manager and seven years previous in increasingly more responsible accounting roles for the City of Northfield.

Erickson earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting and business administration/finance from Mankato State University and will complete her master’s degree at the University of St. Thomas in business administration/management in 2009. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), as well.

“I’ve always aspired to be a finance director somewhere. When I was reading through Prior Lake’s description of an ideal candidate it was intriguing that you stated you weren’t looking for a stereotypical bean counter. I’ve never considered myself a stereotypical bean counter. I think it is important to have a good rapport with departments, to be involved with issues and be a financial resource to staff. Prior Lake is a great opportunity for professional growth.”

Erickson is married with two grown sons in college. She enjoys outdoor activities, photography and music.

Prior Lake is a developing suburb in north central Scott County with a small-town atmosphere and many recreational amenities including numerous parks and lakes that offer year-round recreation. With an estimated population of 22,000, the city is projected to be a fully-developed community of 40,000 by 2030. Prior Lake’s 2030 Vision and Strategic Plan is dedicated to providing quality services resulting in a safe, secure community. Prior Lake is a wonderful place to call home.