

August 5, 2019

Re: Resignation

Dear Mayor and Council;

Please accept this letter as notice of my formal resignation from the City Manager position at the City of Clarkesville. My last day of employment will be August 16, 2019.

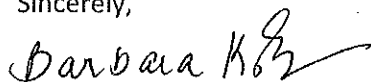
During the last eleven years and four months my team and I have successfully tackled many challenging projects. Some of the most notable accomplishments have been:

- construction of an up to date waste water treatment lab
- historic reconstruction of one quarter of the downtown square after the March, 2014 fire and completion of the streetscape upgrades throughout the square
- major upgrades to the water treatment plant with additional major upgrades to the plant and water system engineered and funded
- acquiring and demolishing a dilapidated and blighted garment factory in the historic downtown district and creating additional parking
- significant storm water management upgrades to several areas of the City
- funding, start-up, and continuation of a successful Main Street Program
- replacement of a failing water/wastewater transmission bridge over the Soque River
- updates to equipment including streets equipment, police vehicles, fire engines, and garbage trucks
- successful application for and receipt of grant funds in excess of \$5.6 million dollars
- management of staffing and benefits during ten years when the tax digest decreased by 24% which resulted in no staff layoffs, no furlough days, and 100% pension benefit contributions

My team of co-workers have excelled for years. Their commitment to excellence and dedication to the betterment of the City of Clarkesville is to be commended and appreciated. They have overcome many circumstances where resources were slim and challenges were great and are the most outstanding group of people with which I have ever had the privilege to work.

I wish the best for the future of the City of Clarkesville and thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,



Barbara Kesler

cc: Janney Sanders
Glenda Smith – for personnel file