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**City of Newberry Assistant City Manager for Public Works and Utilities receives national award**

**Seattle, Washington, June 20, 2023** — Jamie Jones, Assistant City Manager for Public Works and Utilities with the City of Newberry, Florida, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in Seattle, Washington. The award recognizes managers of small utilities serving fewer than 2,500 meters. These managers have a very small staff and must assume multiple roles. The seven hats they must wear are: planning and design, administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, human resources, and community leadership.

Jamie is responsible for oversight and administration of areas including electric, water, and wastewater utilities; public works; transportation; and mosquito control. He leads contract negotiations, develops budgets, ensures the community remains informed about new and upcoming projects, and works with crews in the field, where he leverages his 30 years of experience in public works and utilities. Jamie developed a training program to advance candidates from groundworkers to lineworkers. Recently, Jamie led negotiations with state regulatory officials and other cities surrounding a $42 million highway project, which will necessitate upgrades to all city utility services in and around the construction area.

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