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W'town hires town manager

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WHITESTOWN - Tom Combiths has been named Whitestown's first town manager.

After sifting through about 120 candidates, Whitestown Town Council members chose Combiths, at a July 13 council meeting.

"He's the one that came out on top," Whitestown Clerk Treasurer Deb Zachelmeyer said.

Combiths, originally from Virginia, has worked in local government for 30 years. Picked for his background in city planning and zoning, Combiths is looking forward to the challenge.

"It seemed like a wonderful opportunity," he said.

He compares being a town manager to being a captain of a ship. He makes sure the town council goes in the direction that they and the community would like to head.

And as previous town and city managers, he has a background in organizing towns to achieve their goals.

His last job was city manager for eight years in a suburb of Atlanta, Ga. Prior to that, he was town manager for his hometown of Pulaski, Va., for six years. He spent 17 years in California working for local government.

Combiths is striving to make working relationships with groups like the Boone County Economic Development Corporation, Zionsville and the Indiana Department of Transportation.