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DURANT DAILY DEMOCRAT: JOHN CONRAD

DURANT BUILDING Official, Joseph Marquardt (left) has been the interim Community Development Planning and Zoning Director and now Timothy J. Young, assistant city manager, will assume those duties.

## New assistant city manager gets down to business Monday

**BY MARGIE BULL**  
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Timothy J. Young assumed duties as assistant city manager for Durant Monday and moved into his space at the city manager's office.

City Manager Paul Buntz said, "We are very excited to have Tim and his transportation expertise, and think he will do a great job. We have seven projects with Oklahoma Department of Transportation right now and his knowledge will assist the City in moving these projects forward."

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Young has most recently been working with the Texas Department of Transportation as North Central Texas Council of Governments, Transportation senior transportation planner in Arlington, Texas. He has five years experience with financially balancing and constraining a \$45 billion budget; supervised long-range transportation planning; represented the department at local, state and professional groups; interpreting state and federal laws, regulations and policies; developed regional transportation policies; and assisted in the management, preparation and organization of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Young will also be the Director for Community Development and Planning and Zoning, a position filled on an interim basis by Joseph Marquardt, building official.

He has experience in this area as he worked with the director of Community Development and Staff at Maryland Heights, Mo., and collected land parcel data, analyzed parking demands, identifying present and future trouble spots, assisted with the city's beautification plan and assisted preparing reports on conditional use permits, re-zoning, and variances.

A graduate of OU and Mustang High School, Young said he moved back to Oklahoma to come back home. He holds Master's degrees in public administration and regional and city planning.

Budget constraints and a lull in city projects last year were the reason that Eddie Donnell's contract was not renewed, according to Buntz. "Projects have picked up now and this position fills Jim Richardson's position as community development director and will also serve as assistant city manager."