



May 19, 2017

Dear Citizens:

First, let me say how happy I am to be your new Mayor. After having served on the City Council for six years, I have a good idea of the challenges faced by the City and several ideas on how to keep the City moving forward. I plan to continue the former Mayor's communication initiative and any ideas to enhance or expand citizen involvement is welcomed.

As a reminder, there are several projects that require updates. First, major work on the second phase of the reconstruction of 24th Street is complete. There is minor cleanup and final side street connections to be done and the road should be open by the end of next week. The third (and final) phase will begin after school has ended in May. The plan is to have the third phase well underway before school resumes in the fall. The project is scheduled to be complete in December of 2017. In addition, the Roane Road culvert should be complete before the end of the summer as well.

Another project is North 13th Street at Oaklawn. An aging sewer line located in the roadway has collapsed and will require replacement. This will not be a simple project and will take several weeks to complete. Work is underway to design and construct a relocation of the line. While there is not much visible work going on, there has already been a great amount of office work completed. The new line will be attached to the bridge and hangers are being fabricated now. The hangers will be attached to the bridge soon. There are four manholes to be installed and at least 400 feet of pipe to be installed. There are numerous locations that have the potential to collapse so the street will remain closed until the old line can be pressure filled. The decision has been made to protect the citizens. Please find an alternate route and know that the City and contractors are working diligently to complete the project.

As always, my door is always open to hear any concerns, compliments, or comments.

Sincerely,

Don Denbow
Mayor