



## Second Quarter

### Progress Report

I have asked for the following departments to report their work over the last three months. Through avenues of team work and communication, we have been able to accomplish many tasks and fulfill several goals for the city. Upon reviewing the second quarter progress reports and the goals that have been achieved, I am excited to see what has been accomplished for the citizens of Bryant. Here are just a few highlights from each department that we would like to share.

#### **Police**

- The Bryant Police Department has established and hired the SRO Officers for the school. In addition all 6 Officers have been trained at the School Resource with SRO Basic and advanced. Three of the officers attended the National School and Conference in Florida.
- Also the Police Department has obtained funds from the Prosecuting Attorney and Dennis Milligan, Saline County Circuit Clerk to purchase a new K-9 at no cost to the city. With the funding in hand, we have begun a search for a new K-9.
- We are proud to announce that Lt. Plouch was selected from the Drug Recognition Experts to attend a national convention. This convention is funded by the Criminal Justice Institute.

#### **Fire**

Bryant Fire has been equally busy and impressive with their service to the citizens of Bryant. Here are three major accomplishments the Fire Department has achieved this quarter:

- They have received a grant from Arkansas Department of Emergency Management in conjunction with Saline County Office of Emergency Management, to cover cost to send one firefighter for certification to train (CERT) Citizens Emergency Response Team. This training will allow the City of Bryant Fire Department to train citizens groups on proper response to emergencies within the community. This will give citizens basic training on how to respond to disasters and assist certified emergency responders during disasters. This training will take advantage of volunteer citizens groups to aid each other as well as their neighbors.
- Fire Crews also completed all major maintenance issues with the 3000 gallon tank truck that the city received from the Springhill Fire District board. All firefighters that serve as drivers have received extensive training and driving of this type of apparatus. This unit is now in service.



- We installed the proper Fire Department decals on the vehicle, to identify it as Bryant Fire Department; the Bryant School mascot was used. Hornets carrying buckets of water. This unit is now known as the “Bucket Brigade” to show our support for our schools.

### **Code Enforcement**

A key indicator of a strong local economy can be found in the number of new home and new commercial building projects.

- The City of Bryant, in the last three months has set a record for the number of residential permits that have been issued. In a one month time period, during the month of June, Code Enforcement issued 34 permits, 31 of which were new residential homes.
- Code Enforcement has also performed 756 building inspections during the months of April, May, and June.

### **Animal Control**

- Implemented the Canine Influenza Vaccine Grant. Since Jan. 1, a total of 213 dogs have been vaccinated under the grant at NO COST to the Citizens of Bryant.
- We have also seen a steady increase in the amount of donations to the animal shelter, which will be protected in a separate fund for the department. Donations collected:

March 2011: \$124.15

April 2011: \$220.00

May 2011: \$571.74

- We are in full compliance with the new mandatory sterilization legislation for adopted pets 3 months of age and older. This was accomplished two full weeks before the law went into affect (July 1, 2011.)
- The shelter now has EVERY pet sterilized prior to leaving the shelter with the adopter.



## **Human Resources**

- Met with Safety representative from Municipal League to discuss ways to reduce Workers Compensation claims, initiatives include re-educating all leaders on the proper paperwork to complete, streamlining the record keeping process, in-house safety audits conducted by City Safety Coordinator, assessing necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needed for each employee group, identifying and posting safety goals, considering incentives for those departments/employees that meet certain safety goals, created new excel spreadsheets to better capture W/C data, etc.

## **Planning & Community Development**

We have prepared and submitted a grant request for 3.1 million dollars to construct a connecting roadway at Raymar Overpass on Interstate 30 to Highway 5 to Federal Highway Department through the Arkansas Highway Department. Grant recipients will be notified of the status of applications on July 1, 2011. We continue to work on addressing various drainage issue in the city.

- Detention/Retention Ponds Cleaned – part of Operation Cleanout
  - ✓ Lowes
  - ✓ Richland Park
  - ✓ Springhill Village
- 24 ditching projects have been conducted
- 15 Culverts replaced
- Tributaries on Wilkerson Road – part of Operation Cleanout
- Working with Geographical Information Systems (GIS) we have created our Drainage District map – part of Operation Cleanout
  - ✓ 15 drainage districts
- Working with Code enforcement – annual MS4 report to ADEQ was 3 months early
- Worked with Code Enforcement to submit rough draft of updated Storm Water Ordinance 92-34



### **Public Works: Streets, Water, Waste Water**

- The months of April, May, and June is a busy time for the Water Crew due to new service installs. We have installed 153 new services this year. The customer base for water customers continues to grow and is currently at 6846 meters.
- The crew has completed 437 work orders this year. The crew has started working on the pole barn and is expected to be completed by September.
- Now fully staffed, we are able to monitor the treatment facility 7 days a week and 22 hours a day during the weekend.
- We will soon begin work on Neal St. to get the water off the street. We are constructing a new underground drainage system to get the spring water to the creek. This project will also address the safety concerns of the Neal St. and Debswood Rd. intersection that becomes dangerous during the winter months. The project would cost around \$30,000 if we contracted the work done, but we are going to do it in house for roughly \$16,500. (SAVINGS)

### **Parks & Recreation**

- We hosted 9 events at the park, this is on top of regular BAA, BSA, and Soccer club events.
- Aquatic fitness class have begun
- Installed foul poles, padding, and fence crowning to baseball and softball fields at Bishop Park.

Thank you to all of our hard working city employees for helping to make Bryant a great place to work, play, and live!

Sincerely

Mayor Jill Dabbs