



Mayor

Jill Dabbs

NOTICE

MEDIA RELEASE

WHO: Concerning all Departments for the City of Bryant

WHAT: Three Month review

WHEN: Jan 1, 2011 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011

WHERE: Bryant City Hall

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Starting January 3<sup>rd</sup>, we hit the ground running for the citizens of Bryant. I am proud to inform each of you that your city employees have been working very hard to maintain our city.

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 previous three months and the goals that have been achieved, I am excited to see what has been accomplished for the citizens of Bryant.

This further demonstrates that with a functional realignment of our city services and with teamwork, we will continue to accomplish much more for Bryant.

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

Sincerely

Mayor Jill Dabbs



### Accomplishments since January 1st, 2011 – Code enforcement

1. Greg Huggs obtained Certified Floodplain Managers License in March.
2. Doug Smith along with the help of Shayne Knight has made good progress in getting some flooding issues taken care of, by cleaning a lot of drainage ditches, and identifying many other problem areas we can easily fix.
3. We succeeded in getting one abandoned structure torn down and cleaned up on N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> street.
4. We worked successfully with Mr. Boswell to get him started fixing up some historic homes in the original town of Bryant.
5. We have seventeen properties west of Springhill Road. that we have written tickets to, and had in court. At this time six have come into compliance with city codes and the rest are being worked on. The judge has allowed them more time since they are all owned by one person.

### Accomplishments since March 1st, 2011 – Shane Knight – Public Works

1. Worked with Code Enforcement in getting some flooding issues taken care of, by cleaning out drainage ditches, and identifying many other problem areas we can easily fix.
2. Completed clean out projects teaming with the Street Department & Code Enforcement
  - Evans Loop drainage and ditching
  - Patty Wood drainage and ditching
  - Boone Rd, drainage and ditching
  - WestPoint Retention Pond problem shooting
  - Remington Detention Pond
  - Addressed flooding issues at Independence Dr
3. Working with GIS to develop a more precise flood map, this will include a new color coded/ID map for storm water information that can be placed on the website for public use.
4. Made contact with company to create and produce Storm Water Drain Markers with informational door hangers. This will keep the city in compliance with the AEQ in our MS4 program.
5. Developed 8 step plan of action to maintain ADEQ compliance for the city's MS4 program and to address storm water issues in the city
6. Consolidated all engineering information, files, maps, and manuals to create a centralized engineering library



### Planning & Community Development Department

1. Passage and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan for the City.
2. Began discussions with Nancy Lowe from Arkansas Heritage about Bryant's Proposed Downtown Overlay District
3. Working with Jacobs Engineering for Routing Alternatives for 4 connector roadways – conducted public meeting – mailed notifications, gathered public comment forms.
4. Finalized City of Bryant Sign Ordinance forwarding to Planning Commission and City Council for approval
5. Reorganized Planning Commission meeting procedures

### Animal Control

1. **Successfully Reduced the Number of Animals entering the shelter.** 93 fewer animals came into the shelter in January & February of 2011 than in 2010. We had 74 owner surrendered animals in Jan & Feb of 2010 and only 36 during the same time frame in 2011. This indicates that our proactive programs are working to keep animals in their homes. The low-cost vaccination clinics as well as the low-cost spay/neuter programs being offered by organization near Bryant are having a direct impact on the number of animals that are remaining in their homes as well.
2. **Reunited more Pet with their Families.** Owner claims also increased in Jan and Feb of 2011, increasing to 38 animals being claimed by their owners, compared to only 21 in 2010, during the same time period. This is another indication that our proactive programs are working.
3. **Reduced Spending.** Reduced overtime costs by \$171.49 from \$1038.25 in January & February of 2010 to \$866.76 in January & February of this year.
4. **Obtained a Grant to Protect Animals from Illness.** Received a grant from Petfinder.com (Adoption website) worth \$11,000 worth of free vaccines for the H3N8 (Canine Influenza) virus for shelter dogs. In January & February a total of 77 dogs were vaccinated against Canine Influenza. Our veterinary partner in this grant is Reynolds Road Animal Clinic, who is administering the booster vaccine (given 2-4 weeks after the initial vaccine), at their clinic for a small fee.
5. **Increased Adoptions!** Adoptions increased in January & February of 2011 to 77, from 60 in 2010.



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#### Water/Waste Water

1. The Department saved \$26,000 when it was restructured.
2. We were looking into several different companies for manhole rehabilitation, so we invited each to perform a free demo on key manholes throughout the City and saving roughly \$8,000 per manhole.
3. New construction on the water tank began.
4. We are in the process of negotiating a contract with the new landfill owners that will yield roughly \$300,000 annually.
5. We are in the process of negotiating a contract with the city of Bauxite as a wholesaler that will yield roughly \$12,000 annually.



# Bryant Fire / Rescue

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March 30, 2011

Re: Progress within the Fire Department

- 1) Purchase of heavy duty Rescue Cutter, to enable us to cut into heavy metals with newer built vehicles.
- 2) Conducted an internal survey of department to identify issues within the Department. This has brought our moral to a 5 year high by opening up communications in our department.
- 3) Received used 3,500 gallon tanker truck and brush truck from Springhill Fire Protection District to assist with protecting new district under contract with City of Bryant as well as City Fire District.
- 4) Hosted a Statewide Training/Hands-On Class for firefighter operations in Large Complex Structures. Class was taught by firefighters from F.D.N.Y.
- 5) Sent (4) Fire Department employees to the largest in-service state of the art training seminars held in the United States. Employees received over 160 hours of training and/or knowledge to bring back to Bryant to enhance our firefighting capabilities and/or development.



*Phillip Newcomb  
Captain*

# ***Bryant Police Department***

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*Mark Kizer  
Chief Of Police*

03/28/2011

Mayor Dabbs,

I am providing you a list of what we have accomplished since January the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2011 that you have requested, please feel free to contact me in regards to any of these that are listed.

1. Re-Arranged the offices to have a better presentation which also allowed us to have a secure armory and put all of Criminal Investigations in the same location.
2. We used a person who has community service to paint several locations within the Police Department.
3. Accurately identified all offices by placing name tags on them.
4. We managed to get additional cars that are equipped to help with the Fleet Situation.
5. Purchased a Sky Watch that retails in excess of 80,000.00 for 500.00 through the Federal Surplus system to be used in special events and Holiday Seasons to deter theft.
6. Started an Employee of the Month to help with morale within the Department and acknowledge those who go beyond to improve the City of Bryant.
7. Equipped the whole department with Tasers and at this time everyone has finished training and are carrying them.
8. Re-designed Patrol room to give the officers more work area and it provided 2 extra work stations for future growth.
9. Been working with area businesses as well with the Chamber and Rotary to get the Business Task Force started we are approximately 30 days from completing this task.
10. Have gotten quotes to fix and update our current video recording of the building to start in the next 2 weeks.
11. Switched Cell Phone providers to provide a better service and equip the Sergeants with phones at the same rate the city was paying.
12. Implemented the Command Staff Meeting where the Staff meets weekly to address problems and to move forward on projects.
13. Implemented a calendar for projects and for supervisors to track the work that is being done.
14. Established the SRO Program for the School and established a improved working relationship with the Police Department and the School.
15. Got a line item established within the budget for the Building on Lora Drive to fix the leaking roof and fix some maintenance issues inside.
16. Fixed the back-up Generator on Lora Drive to provide emergency power.
17. Got approval for new heat and air on Lora Drive that was left off the Energy Grant.
18. Had Natural Gas leak fixed on Lora Drive to have heat at this location.
19. Received a perfect Audit and got a new policy that was required by ACIC.

20. Re-Organized the filing of Records and moved the last 4 years into a centralized location in the front office.
21. Established a Quarter Master System for Uniforms and by the end of 2011 this should be in really good shape.
22. Established the Crimes against Children Policy to be able to conduct investigations with the State Police.
23. Established a Selective Enforcement that will take accidents and work high speed areas within the city by re-aligning a few positions within the department.
24. Bryant is part of Central Arkansas Crime Stoppers that will help apprehend suspects that we are looking for this was just started this year.
25. Moved all records that were older then 4 years to the Lora Drive Location to provide storage space at the Police Department.

Mayor as you can tell the Police Department has been extremely busy and there are still several things that need attention and they are being prioritized to get these tasks completed. The Morale within the department is high and the employees are seeing changes develop to improve the atmosphere and working conditions.

Please feel free to contact me or Captain Newcomb if you have any questions about any of the above accomplishments.

Chief Mark Kizer

**City of Bryant Street Department**  
First Quarterly Report

March 31, 2011

Snow and Ice Removal was a success without damaging the budget. Was able to run 24hr shifts with limited overtime.

Forest Cove Low Water Bridge and Channel improvements are at 15% complete as of March 30, 2011. Hipskind Excavating behind due to weather and utility replacement.

The 80SB Excavator (small Track hoe) paid off this month.

Canceled Dusty Mop and Mat Rental and now saving approx. \$900.00 per year.

Routine Drainage improvements/maintenance around the City includes:

NE 2<sup>nd</sup> & N Walnut replaced culvert,  
Bryant Ave & Main repaired broken drop inlet,  
Ruth & Mills Park cleaned debris from creek,  
2208-2202 Lavern replaced culverts and improved drainage,  
2211 Pattywood cleaned out creek,  
Forest Cove cleaned out Retention Pond,  
Henson Place cleaned out creek,  
2919 Hurricane Lake Road cleaned out creek due to obstruction,  
Ditched on Ridgecrest,  
Ditched on Evans Loop,  
SW 2<sup>nd</sup> & Hazel ditched,  
104 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> ditched,  
Lincoln Ave replaced culvert due to sink hole,  
1901 Johnswood ditched,  
6011 Springdale Road replaced culverts,  
504 NW 4<sup>th</sup> replaced culverts,  
Hidden Forest boxes cleaned out,  
Debswood bridge cleaned out,  
Stoneybrook boxes cleaned out.

Thank you,



Dale Watkins  
Interim Superintendent