



How does it feel to be half way through your first term?

January 1st, 2011 seems like a lifetime ago in terms of how much I have learned and grown through trials and challenges since taking over the helm of the the Mayors office and the responsibilities it encompasses. In other ways it seems like just yesterday, I cannot believe this term is half over. I've often said being the Mayor is like becoming a jack of all trades, a master of none, and drinking from a fire hydrant while juggling grenades and running a race against time to get as much done as possible in four years. And why I like this job so much, I do not understand. The only possible answer is the people and the great city we all call home. Whether we were born and raised here, or we chose Bryant over many other communities to live, play, work, and raise our families we are all one big Bryant now. I have met so many wonderful people across our city, county, and state during the past two years. The people truly are the best part of the job. I enjoy the front porch visits throughout the neighborhoods much more than I do the glitz and glam of the society events. I would rather face a room full of concerned residents looking for solutions than I would a few with a personal agenda that is not in line with what is in the best interest of Bryant. I prefer meetings resulting in actions plans not meetings to schedule the next meeting. Looking back I am proud of what has been accomplished in just two years, grateful for the challenges that have made me stronger, and looking forward to all that is ahead.

What we have accomplished?

The eight most recent quarterly reports on the website ([insert link](#)) include a complete detail of accomplishments across every department for past two years. But I believe the most significant accomplishment that has improved every department is that as a local municipality we are more efficient, accessible, transparent, and service oriented towards our citizens than ever before. Utilizing modern technology we are better connected as a community. We will continue to grow in these areas as there will always be room for improvement. And may we always use technology to enhance our human connection not replace it.

What else do you hope to accomplish.?

Now that the immediate operational needs of the city have been addressed and savings are being realized across every department through eliminating waste, over the next couple of years we will be able to focus more on neighborhood and community development projects, economic development, recycling, volunteer led beautification projects, street, trail, and sidewalk connectivity. The specifics of these goals will be more clearly defined after we hear from the residents throughout the 2013 Town Hall meetings. Water/Wastewater costs remain a strong concern for Bryant. This issue will be addressed during the second town hall meeting on (date)(place)(time)

On Thursday, January 31, 2013, 7:00 pm at City Hall, I, Mayor Dabbs, will deliver the 2013 State of the City Address as the first item on the agenda for the first regular scheduled City Council meeting of 2013. I want to invite the residents of Bryant, the leaders within our community, all city committee members and commissioners, members of Chamber, Rotary, Lions Club, Keeping Bryant Beautiful, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, Torch Club, School Board, Senior Adult Center, BEE Coalition, Church and Youth leaders, and civic classes, to come together to reflect on all we have accomplished in 2012 and what is ahead for 2013. Let's dream a little and make a firm commitment to continue to work together in order to see the full potential of all we can accomplish together in Bryant, AR where "People Come Together"