

From the Mayor's Desk

- ❖ We have at last secured the Armory after 18 years. We plan to utilize it for a number of things including police, court, council meetings, and maintenance department. We intend to use the drill hall for large gatherings, training, sports, and civic center. Moving forward, I'm sure other uses will present themselves. I am planning to visit Luverne, New Brockton, and Samson to look at how they have utilized their armories for municipal use.
- ❖ I am still working with Senator Barfoot and Representative Sells to get annexation pushed through the Legislature.
- ❖ \$46 million in federal funding has been made available to Alabama for water and sewage infrastructure improvements. Commission Chairman Sankey, Probate Judge Tate, Commissioner Sasser, Senator Barfoot, and I met with Senator Albritton concerning an estimated \$1,750,000 needed for water main replacement, lagoon dredge and updates, and water tank rehab. Assistant County Engineer Michelle Royal is assisting us with looking at the Town's water and sewage needs.
- ❖ We are timing the street paving to coincide with the water and sewage projects we have coming up in order to prevent having to dig up new pavement with the upcoming grants/projects. Engineer Hudson predicts these projects to get underway in the Spring.
- ❖ We have applied for a sewer grant, \$450,000, for Fulton Avenue. We are waiting for approval.
- ❖ We are repairing/replacing the bridge on the walking trail since it is in somewhat dangerous disrepair.
- ❖ Fencing has been installed at Bogen Field.
- ❖ Residents are reminded that ***grass cuttings are not to be blown onto the roads/streets in town.***
- ❖ We have 24/7 Police coverage/patrol; please contact City Hall if you have questions or concerns.
- ❖ In the Spring, we will start our \$1.7 million sewage project, that will allow the majority of our citizens to be on new sewage. We will also be paving the majority of our streets with Pave Alabama, as well as \$150,000 savings. All of this will be done sequentially. Hopefully new water main on horizon down Main Street.