

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I'm pleased to announce there is much to be excited about in Onalaska in 2024!

The city has been awarded multiple grant allocations. First, the Magnolia and Payne Street Project improving (correcting) street drainage issues and to rebuild the roads. Second the Caney Creek Park Trail project awarded through Texas Parks and Wildlife constructing 0.6-mile concrete handicap accessible walking surface trail over an existing trail corridor with culverts and benches. The Police Department has been awarded grants replacing body worn cameras and rifle resistant vest. The city also was awarded Opioid Abatement Settlement funds to train and stock Fire and Police vehicles with Narcan. I would like to thank our staff for the hard work placed into acquiring these funds.

City funds has been allocated this budget year for Holmes and Onalaska East Road for drainage issues, and road repair.

We are finalizing the design for permeant restrooms at the park and hope to start construction early spring. This will be a significant improvement and addition to the park facilities.

Our city is growing and we are committed to city infrastructure improvements. Recently we applied chip and seal to Chelsea Lane and completed the Oak Ridge Project. However, as you know progress takes time. Tell us about improvements you would like to see. We are always looking for fresh ideas on how to better serve and meet the needs of our citizens.

It is a pleasure to serve the Onalaska Community as your Mayor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. Arnett". The signature is stylized and includes a large, circular flourish on the left side.

James W. Arnett