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Midway Messenger

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Mayor's Office, City of Midway

Introduction:

Hello, City of Midway. If you haven't been to city hall these last few months you may not be aware that you have a new mayor. My name is Randal Dorman. My wife and I moved here in 2021 with the mindset, the last thing I would be doing is writing this newsletter to you. However, I thought it would be a good way to introduce myself to you. By all means please come by city hall and we can meet face to face.

My journey to Midway actually begin before 2021. My mother and dad moved back here in 2000 to retire. Marie (mother) is from the Cotton Wood / Hollis area in Madison County. Edward (dad) was born and raised here in Midway/Madisonville. I moved here from California in 2021. Julie and I were looking for a place to retire with least amount of traffic and noise that over populated places create. My mom was regressing physically and mentally. So, on many trips back to visit her we decided we would purchase her property and settle here.

Why I got interested in city government. It's very simple I was contemplating going back to work (part time). But I could not find anything that would let me dictate my hours. Then one day this gentleman stopped and introduce himself and we began discussing the city. I had notice around town yards were getting mowed and buildings being moved. That chain of events convinced me to maybe consider joining the city as a councilman. I was elected as a councilman (May 2024) and the same night appointed mayor. Brenda Ford the mayor at this time was not returning and there was no one running for mayor. So, we had to appoint a mayor from the new and existing councilmembers and the rest is history as they say.

As mayor I want to identify the needs of the citizens and formulate a plan to meet those needs.

If you are around city hall there's a good chance you will run into me. If not let Mrs. Debra know and we can schedule a time date for us to visit.

Next month we will give you an introduction to City Government

For every house built by someone, but He who built all things is God.

— Hebrews 3:4 (NKJV)

City Improvements

There are many federal, state and local agencies that offers Program support for specific projects in rural communities such as Midway. Here's what we have been able to secure for Midway. We have completed Phase 1 and will be starting 2 more in mid to late October.

1. USDA – Loan/Grant
 - a. Clear Water
 - b. Smart Meters (Digital Read)
 - c. Filtration System
2. MIT-Mod Additional water grant (\$ 1 million)
 - a. Automated water filtration system
 - b. Tornado siren
 - c. Improve street drainage
 - d. Flood Study
3. CDBG 23-24 Sewer grant (\$ 500,000)
 - a. Refurbish lift stations
 - b. Improvements at waste water plants
 - c. Manhole improvements
4. FEMA
 - a. Road Repair
 - b. Post Oak Loop, Ash, Willow, School Road
 - c. Hickory Loop, Mesquite, Locus Ln, Chaparral Ln

Looking ahead there are other grants available such as the General Land Office Resilient Communities Program (RCP). This will help us develop a Comprehensive plan that involves everyone in the community. If anyone would like additional information please email or come visit city hall.

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