

# **TOWN OF SUNSET**

## **To: The Citizens of Sunset**

Greetings from Mayor James:

It is my sincere hope and prayer that your Thanksgiving Holiday brought you an abundance of joy and peace. I join you in thanking God for all our blessings, individually and collectively, as we continue to grow and prosper as a community.

I also congratulate the outstanding individuals elected to the Town Council, Council Woman at Large, Bernice Smith, District 1 Councilman Darrell Burleigh, District 2 Councilman Robert Carmouche, District 3 Councilman Jarrod Shaw, and District 4 Councilman Mark Petrie. May God bless the intent of our actions and strengthen our desire to serve Him and the people of this great community with unselfish devotion and integrity. I hope you will join us to meet the challenges of moving this wonderful little town forward. There is much to do, but I am confident that even though we may face some setbacks and hard times, working together, we can and will build the community we all desire.

- One of the opportunities we have been addressing is improving our infrastructure, including our water system. I would like to recognize the Utility Department for the enormous task of maintaining and operating our current water system. For the last several years, the Council and I and our engineers have laid out plans for upgrading this system and communicated what it would take to get this done. I appreciate your patience as we execute this plan.

## **Water System Infrastructure Upgrade**

As of November 2022, we have entered Phase 2 of the Infrastructure Upgrade. Below I have included a proposed timeline for the changes and additions outlined in the plan.

### ***PHASE 2 TIMELINE***

- December 2022 - Submit Water Plant Plans & Specifications to the Louisiana Department of Health for approval
- December 2022 – Award Water Well Contract
- January 2023 – Water Well Construction Begins
- February 2023 – Receive approval of Water Treatment Plant Plans & Specifications
- February 2023 - Advertise Water Treatment Plant Contract
- April 2023 - Award Water Treatment Plant Contract
- May 2023 - Water Treatment Plant Construction Begins
- July 2023 – Water Well Construction Completed
- April 2024 – Water Treatment Plant Construction Completed

## **SCADA System Malfunction**

On Sunday, 21 November, a mechanical malfunction of the SCADA System prevented the water well from coming online, discharging the discolored water in areas closest to the tank. When the malfunction was discovered, members of the Utility Department reacted swiftly and effectively to minimize the effects of the malfunction by resuming water flow and flushing the system to eliminate the discolored water from affected areas.

Our choice has always been to communicate directly with you, the Citizens of Sunset, about the issues that affect the Town. While this incident has been frustrating for us all, we have worked tirelessly to implement changes as needed while we work towards a permanent solution. Please refer to the timeline above. Any changes to this timeline will be communicated. As always, I encourage you to visit the Town's website and Town Hall meetings, where prompt updates to the timetable are always available.

**Merry Christmas**

**Mayor James**