

# Message from the Mayor



## City of Hallsville

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Holidays

### Update on Roads in City Limits

The City Council will meet in special session on Saturday, April 25, 2015, to consider amending the General Fund Budget for 2014-2015. This amendment will allow repairs to be made to roads that, in the past, have been maintained by Harrison County. Amending the budget to allow for additional Street Maintenance was made necessary due to the decision by the Commissioner's Court of Harrison County to cease road repairs on any roads within the City limits of Hallsville. This decision on the part of Harrison County was not known when the current budget was adopted last summer.

The repairs will include work on 9 different roads that have not been the city's responsibility in previous years. The estimated cost of this phase of repairs is expected to be approximately \$200,000; \$125,000 for pot hole repairs and \$75,000 for correcting drainage problems on Cider Lane. Following the awarding of bids, work will begin on this phase of repairs.

The City was notified by an attorney representing Harrison County on March 24, 2015, that the County would no longer be maintaining County roads within the City limits of Hallsville. Since the day we were made aware of this change in policy, the City's legal counsel and engineers have been working with the Mayor and City Council to find a solution to this situation. Legally, Harrison County CAN maintain/repair their County Roads within the incorporated City limits but they are CHOOSING not to do that. To bring these 9 roads to acceptable engineering standards, will cost approximately \$2,000,000.



April 23, 2015