

SMACK TALK

Provided by: The Smackover Chamber of Commerce

*Happy
New Year!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Meeting—3rd Tuesday of each month
- Interested in becoming a member? Contact the Chamber for more information! We would love to have you!
- An EOL Luncheon will be held by the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce February 10th from 11:30-1, at the First United Methodist Church in Smackover. Tickets can be purchased at Smackover State Bank in a few weeks.
- Lions Club Bingo—Held the First Tuesday of Each month at 6:00 in the old City Hall
- Smackover Municipal Water is now accepting pay by phone, automatic draft, & credit card payments.
- Interested in putting an ad in Smack Talk, or have an announcement? Call or stop by the Chamber for more information!

JANUARY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Each month the Smackover Chamber of Commerce randomly chooses 5 members to spotlight. This month the chamber recognizes the following members for their *support and dedication* to the Chamber.

MS. SUE CRAWFORD

MR. & MRS. WHEELINGTON

ED LANGSTON MONUMENT COMPANY

SMACKOVER MUNICIPAL WATER

THE SMACKOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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In Strength.



CITY REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the November 9, 2015 minutes, which were approved in the December 2015 meeting are as follows:

Old Business: Rec./Treas. Rick East gave the third and final reading of the Vicious Dog Ordinance. Mayor Neal asked for a motion to approve the reading, motion by Alderman Childers, second by Alderman Givens. The motion carried by a roll call with all Council members present voting “yes” (5-0).

New Business: Mayor Neal told Council that in phase one of the sewer project (Broadway from 10th Street to Poplar) the city received three bids. The Engineer has insurance and bond paperwork from all companies that submitted bids and determined all were in order and recommended Online Construction from Hot Springs. The bid was approved as presented with a motion by Alderman Long, second by Alderman Fleming. The motion carried with all Council members voting “aye” (5-0).

Mayor Neal asked Benjy Hildebrand, Director of Public Works to give Council an update on new water meters. Director Hildebrand said that over the past four months installed customers have been seeing the benefits due to daily online reads which have saved water loss for the customer and quick repairs by the Water Department. He has been ordering meters and replacing old and inaccurate meters as they come in and stated that they can order and replace about 100 meters per month.

(Adapted by Lindsey Martin from Minutes reported by Rec./Treas. Rick East)

Trust in the Lord with all of your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all that you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3: 5-6 NLT



Downtown Christmas

We had an excellent time at downtown Christmas this past month. Brianna Peachey sang a beautiful rendition of “Mary did you Know”. Mayor Neal read the story of Eddie’s Cross prior to the lighting ceremony. Children were graced by the presence of Santa, played by Benjy Hildebrand, riding in on the fire truck and given the chance to tell him their Christmas wants and wishes. *Special thanks* go out to the Salvation Army for free hot co-co, and to Amy Boothe for free stuffed animals for each child. (seen above : Brianna Peachey & Mayor Bobby Neal)

23 SMALL REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

- 1. Choose a narrow path:** The sooner you pinpoint exactly what you want to achieve in your life & what you want your legacy to be, the sooner it will happen for you. Don't choose the well beaten path; create your own.
- 2. Embrace change:** If life were consistent and without ups and downs, it would be boring, bleak, & monotone. We're here to dodge bullets, get back up when we're kicked down, & make decisions for ourselves. It's all about building your character. Never fear change, it could be exactly what you need.
- 3. Own your mistakes:** The only way to learn is to make mistakes. The only way to learn from mistakes is to own them. You'll be surprised how much people will value you for owning your mistakes, no matter how small your role in them.
- 4. Appreciate what you have before you ask for more!**
- 5. Take care of your body:** It's the only place you have to live. But never forget you don't just have a body, you have a soul. Your exterior will never define your interior.
- 6. Who you are is not what you have; it's what you do with what you have!**
- 7. Be Loyal:** In love, friendships, and most importantly with your family--stay true to your word!
- 8. Laugh more!**
- 9. Words are powerful:** Words are powerful – choose them wisely.
- 10. Be gracious. Be humble. Be kind.**
- 11. Live within your means:** Life isn't about keeping up with the Jones's!
- 12. Have an opinion:** Voice it, engage in a healthy debate--never be rigid & close-minded.
- 13. Be proud:** Credit where credit is due. Learn to welcome compliments & accept them – by doing so you will provide value to them and soak them up like a sponge. It will lead to better work in the future.
- 14. Accept criticism:** But know when to distinguish between constructive criticism & a genuine insult. If someone insults you, it says more about them than it could ever say about you.
- 15. Get outdoors more!**
- 16. Spend time with anyone older than you:** Age = experience. Experience = wisdom. Spend time with your grandparents and ask questions. No one stays on this earth forever – make the most of the time you have.
- 17. Be honest:** People will value your opinion if it is honest and made with consideration.
- 18. Don't just give money, give your time:** There is no greater gift than your time.
- 19. Track your finances better.**
- 20. Work hard(er):** Set your goals higher and higher--your limits are only those you believe to be true.
- 21. Smile at strangers!**
- 22. You are the company you keep:** If your friends aren't bringing joy into your life, maybe you've outgrown them. Don't be afraid to make new friends that understand you (and where you're at in life right now)--Adapt, Change, Learn, Grow, & Evolve!
- 23. You'll never be as young as you are right now!**

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