

It has been my distinct honor to serve this county and community for the past twenty years. The four principles of Character, Integrity, Honesty and Truth have always been the heartbeat of my service. It has never been about a title or position. For me, it has always been about identifying and solving problems for those I have served. That hasn't always been popular, but it has always been the right thing to do. Each and every day has been focused to produce tangible results that centered on process improvement and team development...all to ensure that I have served our residents and community with honor. That singular goal has been extraordinarily successful.

Since 2014, as Mayor, we've worked together to transform our city from near economic collapse to economically thriving. We've paid down debt by millions while purposefully and strategically increasing our operational reserves to well over a million. We have put financial controls in place that have ensured that every penny has been accounted for. We have poised ourselves for economic growth by expanding our sewer services and upgrading our Wastewater facilities to accommodate our needs for the next 50 years. Our Police Department has become the finest in the state under the leadership of Chief Robin Krockum. Our Fire Department, under the direction of Chief Ken Ranalli, was transformed from a part-time/volunteer department to a full-time department with one of the lowest ISO ratings in the county. Our Water Department, led by Bryan Popham, has grown our system, and replaced and repaired our infrastructure to ensure our ability to continually provide first class water and service to our customers.

Most importantly, these feats have been accomplished while reducing the millage rate each and every year since I took office.

None of this would have been possible without our great employees. It would not have been possible without the leadership, dedication, and forward thinking of our previous Council members. And it certainly would not have been possible without the legal and financial expertise of Joey Homans and Joely Mixon.

The foundation for success has been laid. Our future is bright. It has been my honor to serve this county and community for the past two decades. Service is my heartbeat and I will continue to serve my community and neighbors each and every day. Demorest will continue to prosper if other residents will step forward to offer their service, heart, and commitment to put our citizens above themselves.