

**ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
2014 YEAR END REPORT**

**Mr. President, Pro Tem,
Madam Clerk,
Ms. City Attorney,
Members of the Council,
Members of the Media,
Distinguished Guests,
And Citizens of Jonesboro;**

Thank you so much for allowing me this opportunity.

I continue to be humbled at the confidence and trust placed in me and my administration by the citizens of Jonesboro in allowing me to serve as your Mayor. I am quick to realize that I need to

take every opportunity afforded me to make this community an even better place to live, work and raise our families.

It is hard to believe that yet another year has passed, and it is time to reflect and give account for the State of our City. While this is a process that is mandated by state law, I don't view this as a requirement; rather this is something I really look forward to doing.

We are blessed in this city with a tremendous group of public servants who are truly committed to making Jonesboro the best small city in America. We have over 500 employees who perform a variety of jobs and assignments, providing around the clock service for our citizens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

There is never a moment when someone is not charged with serving our community.

So often, we may overlook the contributions these individuals make to our quality of life; but this event every February gives me the opportunity to recognize our great city staff for their accomplishments, and to refocus our energies on the projects for the coming months. As I dedicate this address to those public servants, I am pleased to inform you that the State of our City is sound.

I hope we have demonstrated to you we are continually working on your behalf and the state of the city of Jonesboro is definitely good!

As always, I want to reiterate to you that while we have accomplished a lot, we have a lot left to accomplish!

We are constantly looking for new ways to challenge ourselves to do better; to become more efficient, to increase productivity and our level of service, to become more accountable and transparent, and to never stop working on your behalf.

I leave you with this directive; please continue to hold us accountable to the highest standards. Don't ever hesitate to ask questions and offer suggestions.

This is not my office, it's yours. I've said from the beginning, I'm only getting to rent it for a little while, and for that opportunity I am eternally grateful.

I pray that God will continue to bless this city and each and every person who calls it home, does business in it, or just passes through it. May He protect our citizen soldiers who find themselves in harm's way.

Thank you and goodnight.