



With the economic situation as it is – we need a Mayor with proven experience. Mayor Bill Jeanmard has over 30 years of experience as your councilman and now as your Mayor. He has the administrative skills that are needed to get the job done. **He also has the reputation of being honest and a trusted caretaker of your tax dollars.** CPA Firm “The best we’ve seen.” We ask that you compare the candidates on their **Character – Trust – Reputation – Leadership and Experience.**

More done In less time This administration has more first than any other. We have more projects in the works than in any other time under any administration. Ville Platte is not only **on the move but we are on the fast track.**

Within the **first** year the members of the council working with the Mayor adopted or amended more ordinances than the previous administrations had done in 4 years.

Our CPA commented that the audit report of 2009 was one of the best he had seen and that it continues to improve. He thanked the administration for being transparent and accountable. This was a **first** for any administration. Watch for updates as we compare audits.

We are in the first phase of a three phase water project. We are replacing a system that is over 80 years old at a cost of approximately 13 million dollars. This is a **first** project of its size undertaken by any administration. This will be a 3 year project and requires the experience of our Mayor. It’s your tax dollars – who do you trust with them? More to come on trust and the law.

We have over 20 projects currently taking place. We have a capital budget that will exceed 6 million dollars this year alone. This is another **first.**

We have prepared for emergencies and have the **first** emergency manual in place.

We have monthly meetings with our managers and chiefs so that we can review the budget status and well as any departmental issues. **A first.**

The Mayor has monthly meetings with randomly selected employees from all departments. This is done to inform the staff and to get the input to make their jobs safer and more efficient. These meetings have proven to be very valuable. **A first.**



Together in unity – we are moving forward



We have trained our managers and supervisors and given them the authorities needed to operate their departments within the guidelines of the administration. A **first**.

We encourage all city employees to attend classes and training that further their careers. We assist with the cost of the training and reward those that complete the training. A **first**.

We created a customer satisfaction award and other employee recognition programs. We also provide the staff with the workshops needed to acquire the awards. A **first**.

We have had visits from our **entire** Washington, D.C. elected Louisiana delegation & all within the first term as well as visits from our Baton Rouge administration. **Another first**.

We took a budget that was in the red and brought it into the black. The quickest turn around in the history of any administration. A **first**.

We have created a city-wide call alert system and modernized all of the operations within City Hall. A **first**.

We have created a safe environment for our staff and citizen. We also now require that all city employees wear name tags. This is to help residence know who is who. A **first**.

We created and maintain our own city website. A **first**.

We have created parks, trails, sidewalks, a museum, improved drainage and have an overlay project all in the first term. A **first**.

We are the **first** and only administration that has created and is working with a multi-year plan.

The Mayor is the **first** to have a monthly radio program on KVPI (*The Inside Story*) and the **first** to have a monthly article in the Bonnes Nouvelles in order to keep you informed and our government transparent.

And the list goes on and on. But what we are most proud of is the unity that has been created amongst the council, the administration and within the community. We ask that you join our effort to unite and not to divide. We have too much to do and it is too important to the future of Ville Platte.

As we look to the past, Mayor Bill Jeanmard was instrumental in bringing about the sick leave and vacation policy that exist today. It is a policy that can be compared to any major corporation. He was also the drafter of the longevity program. All were **first** for these administrations. As we look to the future, the Mayor knows that more must and will be done to keep and train the best. This administration, while under economic restrictions, continues to look for ways to reward our staff.



When you look at your members of the City Council, **C.J. Dardeau, Carol Alfred, Mike Perron, Rev. Freddie Jack, Donald Sam and Taranza Arvie** you will find a hard working team that is highly involved, professional and dedicated to the future and safety of the citizen's and to the children of Ville Platte. We are in constant daily communications as I feel that it is important to our success to keep them informed. We know each other and we share the same goals so that we might enjoy a better tomorrow. Working together as a team is not a luxury but a necessity to success. Mayor Bill Jeanmard has a proven record of team building.

Beware of those that tell you that the City of Ville Platte is not progressive and is not on the move. Beware of those who have openly criticized your members of the City Council. And beware of those with ideas that may endanger the financial stability of our city. It's your money ... Mayor Bill Jeanmard has the proven skills and knowledge when it comes to over seeing the budget. Your city is not a sporting event or a club. The City of Ville Platte is a major corporation with a multi-million dollar budget which needs an experienced and calm administrator that has proven himself audit after audit.

Mayor Bill Jeanmard said "If we are going to stay together as a community, now is the time for leadership that measures and balances the needs of every neighborhood and every business. I know what this city is, I know what it has been, and I know what it can still become. "As we move into the year 2011, it will be the most financially challenging time of my 30 years in office." These challenges have not only shaken our state but our nation. My conservative budgeting has prepared us to weather the current crisis. Together with the city council, we are very proud of the fact that despite the loss of revenues coupled with increase expenses, we have been able to continue our level of service to the community, and we have done so without any employee loss of benefits or hours. "However, I will not rest on these successes; there is still more work to be done. Our residents deserve the best that we can offer."

"As elected officials and as a society, we have the moral responsibility to care for the children, the elderly, the ill and the needy." "This is our first duty and obligation and we must do so in a responsible manner."

Please join our campaign so that Ville Platte will have a future and an administration that we can all be proud of. Be a continuing part of an all inclusive government.

Please share this email with your family and friends. Be assured that your Mayor truly cares about you.

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Thank you.