

To the citizens of Jamestown:

After seven years of service as your mayor, I am announcing my resignation. I have enjoyed my many years with the Bank of Jamestown, a stalwart of our city for generations. I am honored to have worked with such fine people and to have been a part of that lasting legacy in our city. My new position as Executive Director of Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency will give me an opportunity to help so many people in the ten counties I will be serving. That mission is very close to my heart, and I look forward to serving the people and families of Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McQueary, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, and Wayne Counties in this new role.

While I am excited about this new opportunity to expand my role in public service, being your mayor has been a joy and an honor. I am proud of what we have accomplished together. I believe that over the last seven years we have grown in several ways, the most important being that we grew in hope and compassion. My prayer is that when people look back over my time as mayor, they will see these years as a time of unity and a renewed spirit of cooperation and love for our city.

This is the season of gratitude and I am overwhelmed with thanksgiving for so many people. To the City Council, thank you for your trust and partnership. We have worked together for the benefit of the city and it has been an honor to serve with you. To the staff, Police Department, and Fire Department, thank you for your tireless efforts. You are the lifeblood of our team. You are the feet on the ground - day in and day out - and you deserve our thanks. To the local officials I have had the privilege of partnering with, Judge Gary Robertson, Mayor Eddie Thomas, and former Mayor Eric Selby, thank you for working with me, challenging me, and for your friendship.

To the citizens of Jamestown, thank you for electing me and trusting me to lead our city. I love Jamestown. I love our history, our stories, and the work we have accomplished together. Most of all, I love who we are when we all come together - whether in common purpose, common struggle, or common joy. This is a beautiful place to call home and it has been, and will forever remain, a highlight of my life to have served you.

Friday, December 31st will be my last day as your mayor. As I am resigning before the end of my term, the City Council will install a new mayor to finish out my tenure. Please show them your support and encouragement and pray for the person who will take up this position of leadership for our city.

Again, thank you for the love and support you have shown to me and my family over the last seven years. Jamie and I have loved serving you and we look forward to seeing Jamestown's continued growth and prosperity.

Nicholas Shearer, Mayor Jamestown, Kentucky