



## Press Release

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### **Ed Austin Receives Jack R. Rhodes Distinguished Service Award**

Bentonville, AR... Ed Austin was awarded the Jack R. Rhodes Distinguished Service Award during the Arkansas Municipal League's 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, June 15-17, 2011. Mr. Austin, along with 16 others, received this award in special recognition and appreciation for their long-term devotion to their work, their municipalities and to the League. Each of the 16 recipients has devoted 25 years of service to their respective cities within the state. The award is named after the Lake Village mayor who served 33 years and was League president in 1981.

Ed Austin said he has worked with 5 mayors over the last 25 years and that it's been his privilege to serve with each of them. He said he has "stayed because he believes it is important that someone be on hand who knows how we got to where we are today."

"Ed Austin is a true asset to the City Staff and its citizens. Ed's experience spans Bentonville's growth from a small town to now the 10<sup>th</sup> largest city in Arkansas. He has been instrumental in the City's efforts to address infrastructure challenges for more than two decades. He is most deserving of this recognition as he enters his 25<sup>th</sup> year of public service to the citizens of Bentonville." - Mayor Bob McCaslin

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