

Facilitator Bios



Mayor Ron Messer and his family have resided in Montgomery for 35 years. He served in the U.S. Army for four years and is retired from Procter & Gamble. He holds a Master's in Business from Georgia State University. He has attended MCLA in 2018, became a CERT member in 2013, and most recently served on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ron enjoys spending time with his wife and family, including his nine grandchildren, watching sports, reading and volunteering. He is currently on the Board of Directors for Matthew 25 Ministries.



Council Member Ken Suer and his family have been Montgomery residents since 1989. Mr. Suer has been involved with Montgomery City government since 1992, serving on the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and then City Council since 2001. He has a M. Ed. from Xavier University and a BS. Ed. from the University of Cincinnati and spent over 30 years in the field of education, holding positions in instruction, counseling, and administration. He was appointed and served as Mayor from December 7, 2011, through December 4, 2013.



Brian Riblet was appointed as City Manager on January 9, 2018. He previously served as the Interim City Manager from August 2017, as Public Works Director from 2012 until January 2018, and as Assistant Public Works Director from 2006 to 2012. He has been employed in various capacities as a public works employee for over 33 years. His prior experience includes 17 years with the City of Defiance, Ohio, where he began his public works career in 1989. Brian was promoted to Parks and Recreation Director in 1998, where he served four years before being promoted to Superintendent of Streets and Highways in 2002. Brian attended Defiance College, served as President of the Public Works Officials of Southwest Ohio (PWOSO), past member of the American Public Works Association (APWA), Ohio City/County Management Association (OCMA), International City/County Management Association (ICMA), current Board Member of the Cincinnati Area Managers Association (CAMA), Rotary Club of Northeast Ohio and is also a graduate of the Leading, Educating and Development Program from the University of Virginia, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.



Matthew Vanderhorst served as Information Technology Director for the City of Montgomery from July 2001 through August 2006, as Customer Service Director from August 2006 through June 2014, and currently serves as Community and Information Services Director. He has been employed in the information technology and customer service fields since 1997. His prior experience includes serving on active duty in the United States Air Force from 1988 to 2001 as a healthcare network administrator and web developer. Matthew received his Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from the University of Phoenix. He is a graduate of the Leading, Educating, and Development Program from the University of Virginia, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. In 2019, Matthew received his certification as a Certified Government Digital Service Professional and served on the board of the National Association of Government Web Professionals (NAGW).