



Mayor Charles Gastineau was first elected as Ward's 5th Mayor in 2019 and is continuing to serve his second term after being reelected in 2023. Prior to becoming Mayor, he served on the Ward City Council for 15 years and the Ward Planning Commission for 2 years. He was also the city's Deputy Director of Operations for 2.5 years.

Mayor Gastineau is a retired United States Air Force Master Sergeant, having served for over 22 years as a Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer and Paralegal. After retirement from the Air Force, he worked as a Senior Paralegal for two nationally known class-action litigation firms in Little Rock, AR.

Mayor Gastineau holds degrees in Criminal Justice, Paralegal Studies and Organizational Management. He is also a Certified Arkansas Governmental Official and a Nationally Certified Public Manager.

Mayor Gastineau's professional affiliations include:

- Board Member, Lonoke White Public Water Authority
- Board Member, Metroplan
- Board Member, Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC)
- Board Member & Secretary, Lonoke County Emergency Communications Board
- Board Member & Treasurer, Ward Chamber of Commerce
- Board Member & Treasurer, Central Arkansas Planning and Development District (CAPDD) Solid Waste Management Board
- Vice Chairperson, Metroplan Small Cities Committee
- Secretary, CAPDD Chief Executive Officer Committee
- Member, Little Rock Air Force Base Community Council
- Member, Cities of the First Class Committee, Arkansas Municipal League
- Member, Cabot Post 71, American Legion

Mayor Gastineau has held residence in Ward, AR since 1991. He and his wife, Cathy Gastineau, have been active members of the Old Austin United Methodist Church for a majority of that time. He continues to be supported by his wife, their three children and six grandchildren, and friends, as he proudly serves the great city of Ward.