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2020-What else can you say but WOW! It definitely was not what we anticipated for the year. The uncertainty sure did put a stop to planned projects for the first 4 to 5 months for the City. Once the state and local taxes showed us that the economy was staying stable for our town, we could continue with some of our projects. We were able to accomplish about 80% of the road repairs we were planning. We completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final phase of our water system. Our park project is about 75% completed. We have updated about 50% of the large equipment that we were looking to update.

All in all, we believe 2020 to be very successful for Monette.

The pandemic is still very much a reality but if we continue to wear our masks, keep our hands clean, and last but not least practice safe distancing hopefully, we can overcome this terrible pandemic.

On to 2021 and that old word (COVID-19) we hate to hear and talk about is still with us but we are looking to the light at the end of the tunnel. The vaccine is being given and the power of our Heavenly Father is at work. This is my continued prayer.

Projects for 2021 look very hopeful. Growth continues to be happening with new constructions all around. Homes are being built. On the commercial side, Jordan's Kwik Shop should be up and going in about 4 months and there are 2 new commercial buildings being completed by years end.

Utility projects for the Water & Sewer will start and be completed in the next 3 months. This will allow development west of Hwy 139 to Reeves Street and north and south of the Hwy 18 bypass.

There will also be continued projects in the Water department, Parks, and Street department for 2021.

We received notice in December of a sidewalk grant totaling \$86,000.00 that Monette has been awarded. We applied on 2 different occasions before receiving the grant. Persistence is key.

We as your elected officials, plus a host of volunteers, will continue to work for our wonderful community to make it better each day.

Thank you and God bless!

  
Bob Blankenship  
Mayor