
Mayor's City Address

January 20, 2023

City of Monette

Happy New Year. 2023 is finally here! We all know that 2022 started off as a whirlwind with recovery efforts from the December 10th 2021 tornado, which are still ongoing. As I watched our community come together after the storm, I was amazed by the love, concern, and compassion our residents had for each other. A community relief fund was immediately established by the city, local churches, and schools. The outpouring of manpower, food, supplies, and monetary gifts received were beyond our imagination. The city alone received more than \$116,000 in donations. This allowed us to provide much needed assistance to 55 of our local families who were affected by the storm. A portion of the remaining funds will be used for additional warning sirens and three new storm shelters in Monette.

With assistance from federal funding, we have been able to update our city water system with new digital meters, new critical equipment, and new vehicles. In 2023 we will be seeking additional federal and state funding which will be utilized to update the water and sewer treatment plants.

We had 21 new residential home building permits issued and construction began on three new apartment complexes. The new Monette Manor long term care facility is currently under construction. 2023 will be a busy year for us!



Bob Blankenship, Mayor

City Hall News

Our Mayor, City Council members, and Treasurer were all sworn in by Judge Marvin Day on January 1, 2023 after winning their re-elections in November.



We have installed a new video security system for city-owned properties and at key road intersections in town.

Arkansas Department of Transportation made critical safety changes to the area which includes the intersection of Highway 18 and Highway 135.

In 2023, we will continue to update our street lights, street signs, and we are developing plans for additional projects to maintain the safety of our citizens. City employees are improving and updating our city park and our baseball/softball fields.

Our volunteer fire department is receiving new equipment. We are also working jointly with area organizations, schools, and churches to create new businesses as a top priority for 2023. We welcome visitors and new residents to our hometown.

Sanitation Routes will change in March, 2023 to a three-day residential route.

*The City employees, City Council members, and I wish
you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous new Year
in 2023.*

Mayor Bob Blankenship