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## Dear Citizens of Monette:

2019 has come and gone but the City of Monette was able to accomplish many things that we had set forth to do. Updates in almost all departments were completed with some still in progress. As to be expected, some things are never ending and a continuous progression. Below you can see some of the progress that has been made in 2019:

- \*The Sanitation Department updated some equipment which included a new truck being bought and paid for.
- \*The Water Department's work on the larger water tower was completed with the inside of the tower being cleaned and painted, in addition to new equipment being installed to comply with the Arkansas Health Department requirements.
- \*The Waste Water Department's main focus was to modify some minor points and learning the new system.
- \*The Monette Cemetery was maintained as well as it has ever been and the City Park was also maintained very well.
- \*In 2019, the streets were not worked on by the City of Monette. A contract has been signed for some major work but time ran out for work to be accomplished. There was State Aid street money that was used to overlay several miles of roads throughout Monette.
- \*The Beautification Committee added several new decorations and lights to the already stunning Christmas light displays. Also, the first annual Fall Festival was a great success.

2019 came to an end on a sad note as Vickki Carroll, long time administrative assistant and Recorder/Treasurer, retired after 23 years of loyal service to the City of Monette. We will truly miss her but we feel blessed to have a new face in that position. Holly Corter comes to us with great knowledge in the business world from her former work in banking and school administration.

2020 started with the City of Monette launching a website. A big thank you goes out to the BIC EAST lab students for their time and dedication in this endeavor. The website is <a href="https://www.cityofmonette.org">www.cityofmonette.org</a> and will hopefully be very useful in promoting our town. It remains an ongoing project for 2020.

We have a busy year ahead of us with many projects that were not completed in 2019 that we will be working hard on completing this year. Street projects will continue as well as street lighting projects. There are plans for new "Welcome to Monette" signs and promoting of local businesses. There will be a bigger and better Fall Festival and more Christmas décor at the bypass entrances for 2020. There are also plans for some new equipment and bathrooms at the City Park.

As you can see, 2019 was a great success and we are hopeful that 2020 will be even bigger and better for the City of Monette.

Respectfully yours,

Bob Blankenship

Mayor