



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019**

**R. E. SPRADLIN, III – MAYOR
HARVEY MCCLENDON – MAYOR PRO TEM
MERLYN HOLMES – COUNCIL MEMBER
MIKE SECHRIST – COUNCIL MEMBER
VICTOR A. BOYD – COUNCIL MEMBER**

- A. Call to Order** – With all Council members present, Mayor Spradlin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Prayer** – The opening prayer was led by Pastor Barry Metz of Kilgore Bible Church
- C. Pledges of Allegiance** – Mayor Spradlin led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.
- D. Public Forum (01:54 on 01/08/19 Council Recording)**
Mayor Spradlin opened the Public Forum and recognized Vickie Raymond of 279 Ridge Lane, Kilgore, Texas, who had requested to speak about the Memorial Street City Cemetery. She stated five years ago it was discussed something needed to be done about the view of the back portion of the cemetery that faces the gas station and she wanted to just remind council of her concern. As there were no other requests to speak, Mayor Spradlin closed the Public Forum
- E. Items of Community Interest (04:05 on 01/08/19 Council Recording)**
Mayor Spradlin announced the following upcoming events:
- 01/18 Lions Club Chili Luncheon
 - 01/18 Hobby Fair at Kilgore Public Library
 - 01/19 Two to Tango Fundraiser event for the Boys and Girls Club and the Kilgore Fuller Center for Housing
 - 01/21 3rd Annual Celebrate and Remember Martin Luther King Jr at the Texan Theater
 - Council Member Holmes mentioned there would be a Martin Luther King Dual Credit Scholarship Breakfast at the Kilgore College Devall Student Center Ballroom on January 18th at 7:30am.

- Jill McCartney, Chamber of Commerce, mentioned the upcoming State of the Community event at the Texan Theater on January 24th.

F. Consent Agenda (06:43 on 01/08/2019 Council Recording)

1. Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting on December 11, 2018 was removed from consent agenda due to a typographical error and a separate motion was made.
2. Library Contract with Gregg County Commissioners Court.

Motion: Council Member Sechrist made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of item F.1. Motion was seconded by Council Member Boyd and carried unanimously.

Motion: Council Member Sechrist made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and corrected. Motion was seconded by Council Member Boyd and carried unanimously.

G. Public Hearings/Ordinances/Resolutions (08:40 on 01/08/2019 Council Recording)

1. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 1728 regarding proposed amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance.

Mayor Spradlin opened the Public Hearing and recognized B.J. Owen, Director of Special Services, who gave a presentation regarding updating the Ordinance for a “Trap, Neuter, and Release” program (TNR) within the City. This program is growing in popularity and has shown promising reductions in the numbers and negative behaviors of feral cats. In these programs, feral cats are identified, fed in a controlled setting, and eventually trapped. They are then sent to a veterinarian for vaccinations, reproductive alterations, and a notching of the left ear for identification. The altered animal is then returned to the location from which it came. The amendment provides definitions needed to describe feral cats, colonies, and the caretaking responsibilities. It provides for the trapping, neutering, and subsequent return (TNR) of feral cats. It provides for procedures that will allow volunteers to participate in the handling of feral cats. The proposed rules are based on previously successful programs in other cities. Adoption of these amendments will allow us to sponsor a TNR program that may help change the way all animal control organizations approach these animals.

Motion: Council Member Holmes made the motion to approve and adopt Ordinance Number 1728 regarding amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McClendon and carried unanimously.

H. Discussion and Possible Action Items (31:04 on 01/08/19 Council Recording)

1. Appointment of three Main Street Board Members, including a Council Representative. Mayor Spradlin recognized Sonya Waters, Community Relations Manager, who stated the Board has two members, Martha Fertitta and Debbie VanDoren, rotating off along with Council Representative, Merlyn Holmes. The recommendation for the new Board Members are David Reeves, owner of The Shops on Main, and Jacqueline Henley, owner of Everything That Blings. The recommendation for Council Representative is Victor Boyd.

Motion: Council Member Sechrist made the motion to appoint David Reeves, Jackie Henley, and Victor Boyd to the Main Street Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McClendon and carried unanimously.

2. Authorize City Manager to execute a reimbursement agreement with VW Manufacturing for construction costs associated with Phase 1 of Hwy 135 Waterline Improvements. Mayor Spradlin recognized Josh Selleck, City Manager, who stated the east side of Highway 135 industrial corridor is currently served by a 4-inch PVC waterline that is in need of replacement. The replacement and upsizing of the line will better serve existing industrial customers and encourage further growth along that corridor. Advances in fire codes have dictated the need for better fire protection capabilities and the City cannot provide the required protection through the existing line. We are working with a customer who is expanding the old Baker Hughes facility and the cost to bore a fire line under 135 to the 12-inch water line on the west side is cost prohibitive for the owner. We are proposing a partnership with the owner to share in the costs of extending the waterline to his property. The City will contract for the engineering services to insure the line is designed to our standards and the owner will construct the waterline. The total cost of the project will be shared between us, with the Owner contributing the estimated cost of boring a fire line. This agreement sets the terms under which the City will reimburse VW manufacturing for the construction. The reimbursement will be made from funds contributed by KEDC.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem McClendon made the motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a reimbursement agreement with VW Manufacturing for construction costs associated with Phase 1 of Highway 135 Waterline Improvements subjects to approval by City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sechrist and carried unanimously.

3. Item H.3. was skipped and will be added to a later agenda.
4. Authorize City Manager to execute a Timber Cutting Contract with Chad Collins Logging for the harvesting of timber on the Kilgore's 147-acre tract in Smith County, Texas. Mayor Spradlin recognized Mick Schmitt, Farmer's National Consultant, who explained it is time to do an improvement thinning project on 71 acres and a total harvest of 34 acres. There is also another 10 acres just off County Road 246 that also needs a full harvest. The logging bid was given to Chad Collins Logging after Dec 20th bid date.

Motion: Council Member Sechrist made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a Timber Cutting Contract with Chad Collins Logging for harvesting of timber of the Kilgore's 147-acre tract in Smith County, Texas. Council Member Holmes seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

I. Executive Session (59:19 on 01/08/19 Council Recording)

Mayor Spradlin closed the open meeting at 6:32 p.m. to convene into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Possible purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate pursuant to Section 551.072

- Property at 1612 S. Henderson Blvd.
- Property at 501 Fritz-Swanson Road
- Property at 200 S. Kilgore Street

J. Possible action on items in Executive Session

Mayor Spradlin reconvened in open session at 7:41 p.m. and Council took no action.

K. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Boyd and seconded by Holmes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KILGORE, TEXAS

RACHEL ROWE, CITY CLERK

R. E. SPRADLIN, III, MAYOR