

# CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

December 11, 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – City Offices Closed**
- December 26<sup>th</sup> – Kilgore Car Cruise – Downtown 3-6pm
- **December 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – City Offices Closed**

## ADMINISTRATION

- The Notice for Deadline to File for Application on the May 1, 2021 ballot has been posted online and on the City Hall bulletin Board. Place 2 and Mayors terms are up for election.
- At this week's Council Meeting Merlyn Holmes and Victor Boyd were sworn in as returning Council Members. Missy Merritt was sworn in to fill Place 3 which was vacated by Mike Sechrist.

## PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- The Streets and Drainage crew has sawcut, demolished, removed, and dug down sections of the pool house foundation in preparation for contractors to install new plumbing and electrical.
- Water Treatment has made some treatment changes to address discolored water and lower than desirable disinfectant levels to much success.
- Wastewater had its biannual compliance investigation from the TCEQ and they found no violations.
- Dudley Road transmission Main is nearing completion with the water line passing pressure tests. Next steps will be connecting it to the existing water system over the coming weeks.
- The installation of the Big Head Creek Bridge is complete.
- Parks Crew put up the Christmas tree and it is shining BRIGHT!
- Expert Lawn Care and the City Parks Crew have begun the Irrigation Project at the City Park.
- Park crew completed the installation of the Rubber Mulch at Pentecost Park.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

- KFD had new hire testing on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We currently have 7 positions to fill.
- We will be having a Driver/Engineer Promotional Exam on December 15<sup>th</sup> to fill 3 Driver positions.
- KPD is testing for police applicants.
- KPD arrested part of a Houston Criminal Organization that targets ATM's in the south. Two were arrested after a vehicle pursuit. Detectives are currently working to obtain an arrest warrant on the third suspect.
- KPD went through their re-recognition audit. Assessors reviewed 170 policies and visually inspected that those standards during a two day on-site. We were commended on our training and transparency practices. Their report will be sent to the Recognition Committee who will vote on our process. We anticipate a great report.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

- Christmas in Kilgore went well last weekend.
- The Main Street Department is working on the yearly report for the state which is due January 15, 2021.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- The Planning and Zoning Board will meet on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 to review two zone requests.
- The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will have their final meeting on January 7, 2021
- After four months of design meetings, conference calls, and emails, the application for Chick-Fil-A has been approved. The developers have scheduled the contractor's pre-construction hand-off meeting for next week. The demolition of the old Regions Bank began this week.
- Permit issued to 106 E Main St, the old Pat Anderson building, to convert it into two retail spaces.
- Construction has begun on the two new urgent care medical clinics.
- Dairy Queen parking lot is finished and framing is well underway.

## LIBRARY

- The Future Plans survey for the Library is up and has over 250 responses thus far. You can view the survey [here](#).
- We had around 100 attendees to our open house on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed our fellowship with everyone!



## Pentecost Park

