



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

June 7, 2021

Ronnie Thompson, Mayor

Sally W. Sandy, City Manager
Louis E. Vinay, Jr., City Attorney

Wendy Cato)
Christopher Hawkins) Council
Chris Jernigan)
Butch McSwain)

Interpreters
Danette Steelman-Bridges
Ernest Williams, IV

- I. Call to Order in the Council Chamber at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Public Comment – *Anyone wishing to speak during this time must sign in with the Clerk before the meeting begins, and upon being called will have 3 minutes to address the Council.*
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- IV. Invocation Given by the Rev. Wayne Johnson, Sr., Shiloh AME Church
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Retirement Resolution
 - Robert L. Patton, Public Works, Equipment Operator / various divisions
- VII. Service Pin
 - Tim Knipp, Recreation, Supervisor Maintenance Facilities, 20 years

VIII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies

- a. Resolution: Honoring the Freedom High School Lady Patriot Golf Team
- b. Recognition: Western Piedmont Community College 2020 Alumnus of the Year – Morganton Public Safety Captain Jason Whisnant
- c. Human Relations Commission Update
Presented by: The Rev. Wayne Johnson, Sr.
- d. Proclamation: National Homeownership Month
Accepted by: Beverly Carlton, President/CEO, Olive Hill Community Economic Development Corporation, Inc
- e. Proclamation: Juneteenth
Accepted by: Artie McKesson-Logan, Ruth Roseboro, and Alicia Connelly
- f. Local Business Update: Unix Packaging Corporation
Presented by: Ty Harrison, Plant Operations Manager
- g. Upcoming events:

- Downtown

Farmers' Markets continue

Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – Noon at 300 Beach Street

There are a variety of live acoustic performances and kids' activities planned for the upcoming months. Please visit www.downtownmorganton.com for more details.

Wednesdays from 11:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. mini-market at 111 North Green Street

The Morganton Downtown Development Association is hosting a social at the Morganton Community House. Tuesday, June 22, 5:30-7:00pm. The event is free and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Recipients of the Downtown Distinguished Awards and this year's Lifetime Achievement recipient will be announced.

Third Thursday Art Crawl will be held on Thursday, July 15th from 5-7:30pm at various venue locations across Downtown.

- Parks and Recreation

The Collett Street swimming pool, Martha's Park splash-pad, and Martin Luther King, Jr. splash-pad are open for the summer

Martha's Park Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, June 17, 11:00 a.m.

Fourth of July Fireworks

A fireworks display will be held on Sunday, July 4, 2021, at night fall. Fireworks will be shot from the grounds of Freedom Park. The park will be **closed** to the public to ensure the safety of fireworks operators and the public. People wanting to see the fireworks should find parking in the parking lots of nearby businesses along Independence Boulevard, Wamsutta Mill Road, and North Green Street/N.C. 181. More details will be released closer to the July 4 holiday.

•CoMMA

“A Very Magical Family Reading Night with Mark Daniel”. Thursday, June 10th, at 6:00pm. 100% of ticket sales benefit the Burke Literacy Council

Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 19, sponsored by the NAACP and the Morganton Human Relations Commission

“Jason Allen King and Tara Brown: A Night of Comedy”. Thursday, June 24th at 7:00pm. 100% of ticket sales benefit The Outreach Center.

Open House! Sunday, June 27, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Backstage Tours, History of CoMMA Exhibit, Twist-the-Balloon Man, refreshments. FREE event and door prizes.

IX. North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 Update

X. Consent Agenda – All items below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member, staff member or citizen so requests. In the event a request is made, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered under Item XI.

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held on May 3, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment / Water

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount \$6,000 to recognize receipt of payment for reimbursement of services for waterline improvements at Clontz Drive.

C. Consideration of a Project Budget Ordinance Amendment for 2021 CDBG

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the amended 2021 Project Budget Ordinance.

D. Consideration of Appointment of Tax Collector and Approving a Resolution Adopting an Order Directing the Tax Collector to Collect Taxes

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Reappoint Jennie McNeilly as Tax Collector for a period of June 1, 2021 through July 1, 2022.

Approve a Resolution Adopting an Order Directing the Tax Collector to Collect Taxes.

E. Consideration of a Resolution Increasing Minimum Amount of Taxes for Non-Collection

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to adopt a resolution directing the Tax Collector not to collect minimal property tax amounts of \$5.00 or less, and to ignore very small tax amounts of \$1.00 or less, underpaid or overpaid.

F. Consideration of Ending 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Leave

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the ending of the "2021 Covid-19 Emergency Leave for Employees Extension" effective June 7, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

G. Consideration of Firearms Trade

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a firearms trade with Smokefoot Trade and Pawn for \$5,505.00 store credit.

XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XII. Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022

Presented by Sally Sandy, City Manager

- Call for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget on Monday, June 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Council Chamber

XIII. New Business

A. Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Rezoning Request for 8.566 acres of Property Located at 0 Stonebridge Drive Medium Intensity District (MID) and Low Intensity Development (LID) to High Intensity District (HID)

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of Establishing Filing Fees for Municipal Elections
2. Consideration of Agreement to Participate in the 2021-2023 Western Piedmont Stormwater Partnership (SWP)
3. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing and Application for a Grant from the Environmental Enhancement Grant Program
4. Consideration of Award of Contract to Carolina Power and Signalization, Inc. for High Voltage Pole Line at Electric Substation Delivery 7
5. Consideration of Award of Contract to Sumter Utilities, Inc. to Construct Electric Substation Delivery 7 Off Fleming Drive and Approve a Budget Amendment
6. Consideration of Amendment to the Wilkie Construction Contract for the Courthouse Square Project and Approve a Budget Amendment
7. Consideration of Award of Contract to T&K Utilities, Inc. for Water Line Connections at Broughton Hospital on Patrick Murphy Drive and Approve a Budget Amendment
8. Appointments to Boards and Commissions
 - a. Board of Adjustment
 - b. Cable Commission
 - c. Community Appearance Advisory Commission
 - d. MainStreet Advisory Board
 - e. Planning & Zoning Commission
 - f. Recreation Advisory Commission
9. 30-Day Notice Boards and Commissions
 - a. ABC Board

XIV. Other Items from City Manager and City Council Not on Agenda

XV. Reports

XVI. Closed Session to Discuss an Economic Development Project as per General Statutes sec. 143-318.11(a)(4)

XVII. Adjournment