



REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

January 4, 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
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Retirement Resolutions
  - Jimmy Earl Franklin, Public Works, Expert Equipment Operator
  - Joseph Scott Lookadoo, Public Works, Director
  - Fred Harrell Stines, Jr., Public Works/Garage, Mechanic
- VII. Service Pin
  - Sharon Jablonski, Mainstreet, Cultural & Creative Development Director,  
30 years

VIII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies

- a. Speaker: Bob Hunter, Fonta Flora State Trail
- b. Announcements:  
Pop-up Farmers Market, Saturday, January 9, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Green Street Mini-market location

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 and a Closed Session both held on December 7, 2020.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

- B. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment / Receipt of Racial Equality Community Grant for Human Relations Commission Programs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve budget amendment of \$16,300 to grant revenue and authorize the related expenditures.

- C. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment / Recreation and Mainstreet

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$30,000 for Recreation and Mainstreet projects

- D. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment / Recreation

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,000 for recreational purposes.

- E. Consideration of Extending the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Under the Families First Corona Relief Act (FFCRA) and the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Approval of 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Leave for Employees

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the 2021 Covid-19 Emergency Leave for Employees as outlined.

XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XII. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Rezoning Request to Change the Zoning for 20.08 Acres of Property Located at 115 Wamsutta Mill Road from Medium Intensity District (MID) to High Intensity District (HID)

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of a Resolution of Intent to Permanently Close and Abandon an Unopened Portion of Beach Street and to Call for a Public Hearing
2. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution for a Building Reuse Grant / Toner Machining
3. 30-Day Notice – Boards and Commissions
  - a. Morganton Housing Authority  
Bryan Black, Teresa DeHart

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

XIV. Reports

XV. Adjournment