



REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 2020

Ronnie Thompson, Mayor

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

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

Tiffany Patterson, Interpreters  
Danette Steelman-Bridges

- 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. David Doster, Burke Community Bible Church - prerecorded
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Service Pin
  - Allen Davis, Public Safety, Fire Engineer 1, 20 years
  - Shelia Greene, Electric, Meter Reader, 20 years
- VII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
  - a. CoMPAS Update: Greg Branch will present a PowerPoint update on retransmission fee negotiations.

b. Announcements:

- Christmas Cheer Distribution Days  
Wednesday and Thursday, December 9 and 10, lower level of the Collett Street Recreation Center
- Blue Elves Distribution Day  
Saturday, December 12, Mountain View Recreation Center
- Martha's Park Closing for Renovation, Monday, December 28

c. Upcoming events:

•Downtown

Watch out for Elves! Santa's elves will continue making pop-up appearances in Downtown through the week of December 14

Downtown Storybook Walk continues – Family friendly event you go your own pace

Holiday Farmers' Market, December 12, 10am-2pm, 111 North Green Street

Virtual special reading from Santa Claus, December 12, 11:00 a.m. on the Downtown Morganton Facebook page

d. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Presented by: Jessie Parris, Finance Director and Tom McNiesh of Elliott Davis

VIII. North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 Update

IX. 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 X.

A. Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held on November 2, 2020.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of Application for a Certificate of Taxicab Franchise

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve issuance of a Taxicab Franchise to Claudia Morales (Becerra Translation & Associates).

C. Consideration of a Budget Amendment / Water – Courthouse Square Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$100,000, is to setup the Courthouse Square Project Fund.

D. Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendments / Water – Courthouse Square Project

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$100,000, to setup correct accounts for Transfer to Courthouse Square Project Fund.

Approve a budget amendment in the Water Fund of \$100,000 to appropriate retained earnings to pay for the water portion of the Courthouse Square renovation.

E. Consideration of a Budget Amendment / Electric – Courthouse Square Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$521,544, to setup the Courthouse Square Project Fund.

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G. Consideration of a Budget Amendment / General – Courthouse Square Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,266,814 to setup the Courthouse Square Project Fund.

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I. Consideration of Amending the Schedule of Fees and Charges to Include a Bulk Internet Rate for Multi-Family Development

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Amend the Schedule of Fees and Charges to include a Bulk Internet Rate for Multi-Family Development and to allow the CoMPAS General Manager and the City Manager to set rates as necessary with a floor of 70% of regular rates.

J. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application from FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program / Silver Creek Pump Station Rehabilitation and Expansion

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a Resolution authorizing staff to apply for a \$600,000 grant from the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program.

X. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XI. New Business

1. Consideration of Award of Contract to Motorola Spillman Contingent Upon County Approving Contract
2. Consideration of Award of Contract to Carolina Grading & Utilities, Inc.
3. Consideration of Approving a Resolution to Award a Contract to Tri-County Paving, Inc., for the Construction of the Downtown Greenway Connector - Contingent on Receiving Concurrence by NCDOT
4. Consideration of a Resolution Extending Temporary Outdoor Dining Guidelines
5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

a. Community House

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

XIII. Closed Session to Discuss an Economic Development Project as per General Statutes sec. 143-318.11(a)(4) and to Consult with the City's Attorney to Preserve the Attorney / Client Privilege as per General Statutes sec. 143-318.11(a)(3)

XIV. Reports

XV. Adjournment