



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

November 7, 2022

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
Tiffany Patterson

- 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.Sheldon Miles – Gaston Chapel AME Church
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
 - a. Announcement: Welcome to the new Development & Design Director Wendy Smith. She started work today, Monday, November 7, 2022.
 - b. Announcement: Community Appearance Awards – Cheryl Gratton, Chairman of Community Appearance Advisory Commission to present awards to:
 - NC School of Science and Mathematics – Accepted by Chad Barrow, Director of Capital Projects & Morganton Facilities Management and Dave Williams, Assistant Director of Facilities Management

- Sossoman's Funeral Home and Crematory Center – Accepted by Jimmy and Dottie Kirksey, Paul and Penny Littman and Hannah Lipford
- c. Announcement: MADE Competition Awards – Abby Gentry-Nelson, Main Street Coordinator and Paul Gantt, Burke County Public Schools
- Middle School Awards
 - First Place – Liberty Middle School
 - Second Place – Heritage Middle School
 - Third Place – East Burke Middle School
 - High School Awards
 - First Place – Patton High School
 - Second Place – NCSSM-Morganton
 - Third Place – Freedom High School
- d. Proclamation: Burke County Nonprofit Day
Accepted By: Abigail Taylor and Beth Willard-Patton, BCUW
- e. Proclamation: Operation Green Light for Veterans
Accepted By: Johnnie W. Carswell, Vice Chairman, Burke County Board of Commissioners, NCACC President-Elect
- f. Upcoming events:

- Downtown/City Hall

Holiday Farmers' Market in November

Saturday, November 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 111 North Green Street

Winter Carnival & Memorial Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 19th beginning at 2:30 p.m. at 102 East Union Street – Santa visits, holiday games, sweets, fire & ice tower – FREE Community Event! Memorial Tree Lighting will be at 5:30 p.m.

Carriage Rides Begin Saturday, November 19th and will continue every Friday and Saturday until December 23rd. Rides will continue on Friday, November 25th and Saturday, November 26th from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Downtown Morganton Christmas Parade

Tuesday, December 6th, 6:00 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Morganton Community House on Saturday, December 3rd at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and Saturday, December 10th at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.. *Tickets on sale now at the UPS Store in Downtown Morganton. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids 12 and under.*

Blue Elves Christmas for Morganton Housing Authority Families, Saturday, December 10th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mountain View Recreation Center

Art in the Hall: Thomas Thielemann – Mixed Media – He is the AFA Visual Arts Director at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute where he also teaches. His work combines a variety of disciplines and will be displayed at Morganton City Hall during the months of October and November 2022.

- CoMMA Performing Arts Center
 - Thursday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. – Sons of Serendip
 - Thursday, December 1st at 7:30 p.m. – World Ballet Series: Nutcracker
 - Monday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. – Nochebuena: A Christmas Spectacular
- Recreation
 - Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, December 6, 7 & 8 – Christmas Cheer at Collett Street Recreation Center

VII. Consideration of Changing City Council Meeting time for December 5, 2022

Due to CoMMA programming to begin at 7:30 p.m., City Staff recommend that the time of the City Council meeting for December 5, 2022 be changed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve changing the City Council Meeting time of the December 5, 2022 City Council Meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

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. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held on October 3, 2022 and a Closed Session held on October 3, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

- B. Consideration of Tax Releases in the Amount of \$402.65

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve tax releases in the amount of \$402.65.

- C. Consideration of a Budget Amendment for the Electric Department to Fund the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for Catawba Meadows Park and Soccer Complex

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$30,000.

- D. Consideration of Amendment to the Schedule of Fees and Charges Related to Fire Inspection Violation Fees

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve amendments to the Schedule of Fees and Charges to establish new Fire Inspection Violation fees effective November 8, 2022.

- E. Consideration of Amendment to Personnel Policy Concerning Longevity, Probationary Periods and Transfer of Sick Leave

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve amendments to the Longevity (6.11) to expand the longevity program by adding a new tier beginning this year, 2022, for employees with 2 ½ years of service to receive 1.5% lump sum payment; Probationary Period (1.4) to reduce probationary period to six months; and Sick Leave (6.18) to allow transfer of sick leave from other local governments after successfully completing probationary period of the City's Personnel Policy to existing Personnel Policy.

F. Consideration of a Utility Construction Agreement (B-5869) with NCDOT in Conjunction with the Replacement of Bridge 99 on US 64/US 70 (Fleming Drive) Over Southern Railroad

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve utility agreement with NC Department of Transportation for estimated costs of \$217,829.00 to relocate water and sewer lines associated with the replacement of Bridge 99 on US 64/US 70 (Fleming Drive) over Southern Railroad.

G. Consideration of an Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company to Relocate an Existing 12-Inch DIP Water Pipeline Encased within a 24-Inch Steel Casing Pipe from NCDOT Bridge 99 Located on US 64/US 70 (Fleming Drive) to the Railway ROW

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve an agreement to relocate an existing 12-inch DIP water pipeline from NCDOT Bridge 99 located on US 64/70 (Fleming Drive) to the Railway ROW.

H. Consideration of Award of Contract to Connect Delivery 7 to Existing Distribution System

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To award contract to Southeastern Transmission and Distribution for electric work in an amount to not exceed \$67,000 including approval for the Mayor and City Manager to execute all agreements regarding this contract.

I. Consideration of Award of Contract for Renovation of Gymnasium at Mountain View Community Recreation Center

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To award a contract not to exceed \$127,000 to Sports Flooring Group for the purpose of replacing the Mountain View Community Recreation Center floor including approval for the Mayor and City Manager to execute all agreements regarding this contract and to allocate from State grants and ARPA to fund this project.

X. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing and Consideration of an Alternative Design Request Submitted by Western Piedmont Community College for the Construction Trades Building Project

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of Resolution of Intent to Sell Property at Intersection of East Union Street and White Street
2. Consideration of Resolution of Intent to Sell Property on East Meeting Street
3. Consideration of Amendments to Ordinance Regarding the Community Appearance Advisory Commission
4. Consideration of Award of Entitlement Funds to Non-Profits for FY 2022
5. Consideration of Approval and Acceptance of a Grant Agreement for \$250,000 from Golden LEAF for Bethel Park Stream Restoration Phase 1 and Approve a Budget Amendment
6. Consideration of Approval and Acceptance of a Grant Agreement for \$500,000 from NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) for Bethel Park Project and Approve a Budget Amendment
7. 30-Day Notice Boards and Commissions
 - a. BDI
 - b. Fireman's Relief Fund Board

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

XIII. Reports

XIV. Adjournment