



REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 2023

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 4:30 p.m.
- II. Closed Session to Consult with Attorney Employed or Retained by the City to Preserve the Attorney-Client Privilege Between the Attorney and the City Council in Accordance with N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(3), and to Prevent Disclosure of Information that is Privileged or Confidential Pursuant to Laws of the State in Accordance with N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(1).
- III. 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.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- V. Invocation Given by Rev. David Doster – Burke Community Bible Church
- VI. Introduction of Council
- VII. Retirement Resolutions
  - a. Gary V. Beam, Maintenance Worker I, Public Works Street Maintenance Department, 30 years, 4 months.

## VIII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies

- a. Proclamation – National Public Works Week – May 21-27, 2023  
Accepted by Michael Chapman, Director Public Works and Brad Boris, Director Water Resources
- b. Recognition – Morganton Public Safety was chosen as the NC MADD Agency of the Year by the NC Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Chief Jason Whisnant and Lt. Joseph Beaver will be in attendance to receive recognition from Council.
- c. Announcement: The Morganton Cultural Arts Commission is excited to announce that three sculptures were chosen for our inaugural “Sculpture on the Town” revolving public art exhibition. The sculptures are on round concrete bases, placed in various locations around town and will be on display through January of 2024. New sculptures will rotate in next Spring.
- d. Upcoming events:

- **Downtown/City Hall**

- Art in the Hall - Signature Day Program - The Enola Group

- The Enola Group offers creative expression and learning opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Programs include the arts, by way of painting, music, graphic art, theater, pottery, fabric and mixed media. The Signature Day Program works to promote a supportive work environment, assist people to explore their creative potential, develop their unique talents and gifts, and profit from their experience. The goal is to provide meaningful activities that enhance, enrich and expand a person’s life. The Enola Group finished works are currently displayed in City Hall through the end of May 2023.

- American Red Cross Blood Drive - City of Morganton

- Thursday, May 11, 2023, 9am-1:30pm, Council Chambers of City Hall – Open to the Public.

- Farmers Markets

- Wednesdays 11am-2pm at 111 North Green Street – May 3, 10 , 17, 24, 31
    - Saturdays 8am-Noon at 300 Beach Street – May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3

## TGIF '23 Free Summer Concert Series

- Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Dancing Fleas, 6pm to 10pm
- Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Chris Taylor & the Rumor, 6pm to 10pm
- Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Mood Ring, 6pm to 10pm
- Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Baby Black, 6pm to 10pm
- Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Moose & Friends, 6pm to 10pm

### • **CoMMA**

Chicago – Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:30pm

### • **Collett Street Recreation**

First Annual “Try A Tri” Indoor Triathlon – Morganton Aquatic Center – Saturday, May 6, 2023 – Start at 8:00am

Hall of Fame Banquet (Tickets Required and are Available)  
Morganton Community House – Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6pm

Outdoor Pool Opening – Collett Street Recreation Center – May 27, 28 and 29, 2023

## 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 X.

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held on April 3, 2023 and Closed Session held on April 3, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of Budget Amendment to Transfer ARPA Funding for Council Approved Projects

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve a budget amendment to transfer \$1,104,485 in ARPA funding for projects approved by Council.

C. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Grant from the Environmental Enhancement Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a resolution authorizing an application for a grant from the Environmental Enhancement Program.

D. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application from the North Carolina Department of Commerce – Rural Transformation Grant–Fund Rural Engagement & Investment Program for North Green Street Streetscape

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a resolution authorizing an application for a Rural Transformation grant from the NC Department of Commerce in the amount of \$900,000 for the North Green Street Streetscape project.

E. Consideration of Establishing Filing Fees for Municipal Elections

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the setting of filing fees for the Mayoral seat and for each City Council seat to be elected in 2023 at \$25.00.

XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XII. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Consideration of City of Morganton Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments
2. Consideration of the City of Morganton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement of Program Action Plan FY 2023-2024
  - a. Consideration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Budget Ordinance
  - b. Consideration of an Administration Contract with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of a Resolution of Intent to Enter into an Economic Development Agreement for Housing Stimulus and Call for a Public Hearing
2. Consideration of Amendment of Contract for Sale and Purchase for Property on East Meeting Street with 400 Meeting Street, LLC to Extend Closing Date
3. Consideration of Appointments to the IMAGINE Morganton 2040 Comprehensive Land-Use Plan Advisory Committee

4. Consideration of Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$125,000 to Appropriate Retained Earnings for Increased Costs in Fuel

5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

a. Human Relations Commission

6. 30-Day Notice Boards and Commissions

a. Board of Adjustment

b. Cable Commission

c. Community Appearance

d. Main Street Advisory

e. Planning and Zoning

f. Recreation Advisory

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

XIV. Reports

XV. Adjournment