



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

June 5, 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 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 Pastor Mark Ball – Walker Road Baptist Church
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Service Pins
 - a. Jimmy Vance, Public Works, Senior Equipment Operator in Sanitation, 20 years.
 - b. Carolyn Richardson, Legal Department, Paralegal, 25 years.
- VII. Retirement Resolutions
 - a. Jason A. Smith – Public Safety Department – Administrative Services Supervisor
 - b. Kimberly H. Davis – Public Safety Department – Public Safety Officer

VIII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies

- a. Proclamation: Parks and Recreation Month – July 2023 - Accepted by Bryan Fish, Recreation Director.
- b. Proclamation: Chesterfield Ruritan Club – 65-Year Anniversary – Accepted by Club President/Secretary Michael Bandy. He will be accompanied by National Director Larry Garrison, District Governor Shandy Gossett, District Lt. Governor TJ Garrison, Zone 1 Governor Gary Barger, Club Vice President Mike Smith, Club Treasurer Charles Duckworth, and several club members and volunteers.
- c. Proclamation/Announcements: Juneteenth - Accepted by Alicia Connelly and Ruth Roseboro for the *NAACP*. Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CoMMA. Also, accepted by Artie Logan for the *Citizens for the Improvement for Better Human Relations and Cultural Awareness*. The third annual Juneteenth Brunch will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Morganton. The theme is “The Journey Continues” and will feature multicultural performances and several speakers, including Rev. Dr. James E. Hunt. Limited seating is available. Tickets are \$20 each. The Human Resources Commission is a sponsor of both events.
- d. Announcement: The Morganton City Council, along with the Human Relations Commission, would like to recognize June as *National Homeownership Month*. This month recognizes the legislation and programs that have helped citizens achieve the American dream of home ownership. National Homeownership Week began in 1995, by President Bill Clinton as part of an effort to increase homeownership across America. Later, in 2002, President George W. Bush expanded the period of observance from a week to the entire month of June.
- e. Announcement: The Morganton City Council and the Human Relations Commission would also like to recognize June as *African American Music Appreciation Month*. We honor African American musicians, singers, and contributors who have created, inspired, and influenced this rich part of our national cultural heritage. We encourage everyone to celebrate the month of June as African American Music Month and to take in some live music that celebrates this tradition at community activities in June, including: The Jammi Jamm 2.0 Multi-Cultural Arts Festival - A Multi-Cultural Day of Unity Celebration will be on Saturday, June 24, 2023, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the corner of Bouchelle and East Union Street.

- f. Announcement: Public meeting hosted by WPCOG in City of Morganton Council Chambers to be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on The Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Transportation Plan – Drop-in format.
- g. Announcement: Community Workshop – IMAGINE Morganton 2040 Comprehensive Plan in the City of Morganton Council Chambers to be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Drop-in/Open house format.
- h. Mayor Thompson to read Letter of Appreciation to the City of Granite Falls for assistance.
- i. Upcoming Events:

- **Downtown/City Hall**

Art in the Hall – Tim Abrose and Al Raynor - Photography – Will be on display during the months of June and July.

Farmers Markets

- Every Wednesday through October 2023, 11am-2pm at 111 North Green Street
- Every Saturday through October 2023, 8am-Noon at 300 Beach Street

TGIF '23 Free Summer Concert Series

(Food trucks & beer/wine tent open at 6pm. Concerts begin at 7pm.)

- Friday, June 9th, Mac Arnold (American Blues)
- Friday, June 16th, Brandon Bethel (Country)
- Friday, June 23rd, Radio Ready (Top 40)
- Friday, June 30th, Thomas Anthony & The Livehouse Band (R&B/Soul)
- No TGIF on Friday, July 7th
- Friday, July 14th, Scott Moss and the \$100 Handshakes
- Friday, July 21st, Throwback Collaboration Band
- Friday, July 28th, YM2K

Dogs on the Catwalk & Pooches on Parade – Saturday, July 1st, 10am-12pm on the Historic Burke County Courthouse Square.

- **Collett Street Recreation**

The Collett Street swimming pool will open on June 9th and Martha's Park and Martin Luther King, Jr. splash-pads are currently open for the summer.

Fourth of July Fireworks

A fireworks display will be held on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, with a projected start time of 9:45 pm (May be earlier or later depending upon weather conditions). 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 4th holiday.

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 May 1, 2023 and Closed Session minutes held on May 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted and read.

B. Consideration of Appointment by City Council of One Person to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) Sister Cities Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the nomination of Ronnie Thompson to serve on the Western Piedmont Sister Cities Committee (WPSCA) for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2025 and authorize the City Clerk to send a letter of appointment to WPSCA.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Reappoint Jennie McNeilly as Tax Collector for a period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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

D. Consideration of Resolution Accepting Dedication of Water and Sewer Easements at Murphy's Farm

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to adopt a resolution accepting dedication of easements for water and sanitary sewer lines within the Murphy's Farm apartment development.

E. Consideration of Acceptance of Grant Award from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to accept a grant award in the amount up to a maximum of \$400,000 for stormwater planning.

F. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of an ARP Grant from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) for the Silver Creek Pump Station

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to authorize the acceptance of a grant for \$1,118,247 from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality for the Silver Creek Pump Station.

G. Consideration of Amendment to Ordinance Regarding Quorum for the Community Appearance Advisory Commission

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve amendment to ordinance regarding quorum for the Community Appearance Advisory Commission.

H. Consideration of Approval of a Contract with Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) for Professional Assistance with Planning

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve an agreement with Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) for provision of technical planning assistance.

XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XII. Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2023-2024

Presented by Sally Sandy, City Manager.

Call for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget on Monday, June 19, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Council Chamber.

XIII. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Approval of an Economic Development Agreement with TruWest, LLC Under the Housing Stimulus Program
2. Public Hearing to Consider a Rezoning Request Submitted by Airlie Incorporated to Rezone 8.04 acres located at 0 Sanford Drive (PIN 2704143120) from Medium Intensity District (MID) with the River District Overlay to High Intensity District (HID) with the River District Overlay.

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of Award of Contract for the Catawba River Soccer Complex Greenway Re-Alignment Project
2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions
 - a. Board of Adjustment
 - b. Cable Commission
 - c. Community Appearance Advisory Commission
 - d. Main Street Advisory Board
 - e. Planning and Zoning
 - f. Recreation Advisory Committee
 - g. ABC Board

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

XV. Reports

XVI. Adjournment