



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 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 the Rev. Jaime Torres – Jaime Torres Ministries
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Retirements
 - A. Robert S. “Stretch” Bailey, Fire Engineer I, Public Safety, 20 years.
- VII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
 - A. Announcements:
 - The Morganton Human Relations Commission is currently conducting an online survey to get the public’s input to help identify issues that inhibit inclusiveness and diversity and to get ideas about what we can do to

improve our community. Citizens are encouraged to visit the City's website at morgantonnc.gov and complete the brief survey. The survey will run through September 17th.

B. Upcoming Events:

- **Downtown/City Hall**

Farmers' Markets Continue

Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – Noon at 300 Beach Street

Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. mini-market at 111 North Green Street

Art in the Hall: Beth Oczkowski – Quilling and Painting with Paper – Beth is an accomplished quilling artist residing in Hickory, NC. She has created her own style of "painting with paper" and enjoys doing portraits. She sells her work at a local gallery.

Historic Morganton Festival – Sept. 8-9 – SAVE THE DATES!

Burke Arts Council Art Crawl – Sept. 21 – Downtown Morganton.

- **CoMMA Performing Arts Center**

CoMMA Season/Individual Tickets Available to Public beginning August 14, 2023.

- **Parks and Recreation**

Collett Street Swimming Pool will continue regular hours during the month of August. Sunday, August 27, 2023 will be the last day for outdoor swimming. The Kiddie Pool is closed for the season.

Fall/Winter hours for indoor swimming at the Aquatics Center will begin on Monday, August 28, 2023.

Splash Pads at Martha's Park and MLK Park will close sometime after Labor Day depending on the weather.

VIII. Consideration of Changing City Council Meeting Date for September 2023

- A. City Hall will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday

RECOMMENDATION: Approve changing the City Council Meeting date from Monday, September 4, 2022 to Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6 p.m.

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 XII.

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held on June 5, 2023 and Special Budget Meeting held on June 19, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of Amendments to Code of Ordinances Designating No Parking on Both Sides Along Williams Street from the Intersection with Wilson Street to the Intersection with Lee Street.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve an ordinance establishing a No Parking Zone on both sides along Williams Street from the intersection with Wilson Street to the intersection with Lee Street.

C. Consideration of Award of Contract for Underground Electric Work

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a contract with Carl Grigg Electric & Supply Inc. of Shelby NC, at unit costs as described in the attached bid tabulation for a total amount not to exceed \$120,000 for underground installation projects.

D. Consideration of Award of Contract to Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Professional Design Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award a professional engineering contract to Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. in an amount of \$50,000 for design work on the College Street redesign.

E. Consideration of Award of Contract for Annual Tree Trimming

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award tree trimming contract to Foothills Tree Maintenance, LLC of Lenoir, NC not to exceed \$236,250 and to authorize the Mayor and/or the City Manager to execute such contract and any other necessary documents.

F. Consideration of Declaring Surplus Public Safety Rifles

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve declaring Public Safety rifles as surplus.

G. Consideration of Award of Contract to Rebuild Freedom Tennis Courts and Carbon City Pickleball Courts

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve award of contract to Whalen Tennis Company not to exceed \$296,420 for Freedom tennis courts with \$100,000 being paid by the Burke County Schools and for \$122,220 for Carbon City pickleball courts and to authorize the Mayor and/or the City Manager to execute such contract and any other necessary documents.

H. Consideration of Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$24,775 to Recognize Receipt of Reimbursement for Services for Water

RECOMMENDATION ACTION: Approve budget amendment in the amount of \$24,775 to recognize receipt of reimbursement for water line and meter work at 148 Sam Wall Avenue, 718 West Union Street and 720 West Union Street for the Water Department.

I. Consideration of a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$16,090.16 to Recognize Receipt of Insurance Reimbursement for Water

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$16,090.16 to recognize receipt of insurance reimbursement for repair of damage to a trackhoe for the Water Department.

J. Consideration of a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$3,150.99 to Recognize Receipt of Insurance Reimbursement for Public Safety

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,150.99 to recognize receipt of insurance reimbursement for damage to Public Safety lobby and to a patrol vehicle.

XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XII. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance to Permanently Close Plainview Street

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of Amendment of Contract for Sale and Purchase for Property on East Meeting Street with 400 Meeting Street, LLC to Extend Closing Date
2. Consideration of Approval of Agreement with NCDOT for Sidewalk Upgrades and Betterments as Part of NCDOT Bridge 99 Replacement (Located on US64/US70 – Fleming Drive over Railway ROW)

3. Consideration of Award of Contract with Taylor Forestry for Professional Services
4. Consideration of Award of Contract for Replacing Sand Filter at Collett Street Recreation Outdoor Pool
5. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Morganton to Submit a Grant Application to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in the Amount of \$300,000 for the North Green Street Water and Sewer Improvement Project
6. Consideration of Award of a CDBG Small Business Loan Agreement for \$30,000 with Aimee Perez and Uprooted, LLC, which will be Relocated in Downtown Morganton
7. Consideration of Approval of a Main Street Loan in the Amount of \$75,000 to Mimosa Restaurant, LLC with Jerry Norvell and Personal Guarantor
8. Consideration of Resolution Declaring the Intent of the City to Consider Permanently Closing an Alley Behind Buildings on the 100 Block of West Union Street and to Call for a Public Hearing
9. Consideration of Resolution Approving Conveyance of Quitclaim Deed for "Vine Arden Road" to Western Piedmont Community College
10. Appointments to Boards and Commissions
 - a. Human Relations Commission
11. 30-Day Notice Boards and Commissions
 - a. Recreation Advisory Commission

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

XIV. Reports

XV. Adjournment