



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

September 11, 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
Ernest Williams, IV
Jessica Hollifield

- 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. Presentation of Colors by Public Safety Color Guard in Remembrance of 9-11 and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- IV. Invocation Given by Pastor David Rorie – North Morganton United Methodist Church
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Service Pins
 - A. Steven Mills, Public Works, Superintendent of Cemetery & Grounds, 20 years
- VII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
 - A. Main Street Update and Festival Recap: Abby Gentry-Nelson, Main Street Manager
 - B. CoMPAS Update: Greg Branch, Director of CoMPAS Cable

C. Proclamation: Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15 – October 15, 2023
Accepted by: Sharley Mendoza

D. Proclamation – Constitution Week 2023 – September 17 – 23, 2023
Accepted by: Bekah Dennis – Daughters of the American Revolution Quaker Meadows

E. Upcoming Events:

- **Downtown/City Hall**

Farmers' Markets Continue -
Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – Noon at 300 Beach Street and
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.

Saturday, September 16, 3 pm to 5 pm – 2040 IMAGINE Morganton Pop-Up Event at Little Guatemala.

Burke Arts Council Art Crawl – Thursday, Sept. 21, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Downtown Morganton.

- **CoMMA Performing Arts Center**

Thursday, September 28th – Opening Night for CoMMA – Georgia Players Guild at 7:30 pm.

- **Parks and Recreation**

Collett Street Pool closed for the Season.

Splash Pads will close for the Season by the end of September.

Saturday, September 23, 2023, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon – SAFE Kids Bike Rodeo – Catawba Meadows Park – Sponsored by Morganton Public Safety.

Friday/Saturday, October 6 and 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. – The Valley Hills Antique Power Club Tractor Show at Catawba Meadows Park. This is a free event with antique tractors, kids activities, food, music and lots of fun. On Friday, October 6th the Jacktown Ramblers and Butterbeans will be performing and on Saturday, October 7th Buffalo Cove, JAM Program Kids, Darren Nicholson and Appalachian Roadshow will be performing.

Friday/Saturday, October 20-21, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. – Spooky Meadows at Catawba Meadows Park.

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 August 7, 2023 and a Special Called Meeting on August 22, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

- B. Consideration of Tax Releases in the Amount of \$20.02

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve tax releases in the amount of \$20.02.

- C. Consideration of Agreement to Participate in the 2023-2025 Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) Stormwater Partnership (SWP)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve the agreement to participate in the 2023-2025 WPCOG Stormwater Partnership at a cost of \$13,122, and to authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute all necessary documents, including technical corrections.

- D. Consideration of Acceptance of NC Recreation and Park Association (NCRPA) Grant Funds and Approval of a Budget Amendment

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to accept a NC Recreation and Park Association grant in the amount of \$1,000 and approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,000 to recognize the receipt of a NC Recreation and Park Association grant.

- E. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment for Insurance Reimbursement for General Fund

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$50,329.43 to recognize receipt of payment for insurance reimbursement for damage to a Public Safety vehicle and to a Public Works truck

F. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment for Insurance Reimbursement for Electric Fund

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$125,317.94 to recognize receipt of payment for insurance reimbursement for damage to an Electric truck and the water plant generator.

G. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment to Recognize Receipt of Proceeds from a Safety Grant through the Interlocal Risk Management Agency for Public Safety and Wastewater

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,614.25 to recognize receipt of proceeds from a safety grant through the NC Interlocal Risk Management Agency for Public Safety and Wastewater.

H. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment for Insurance Reimbursement for Water Fund

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$8,149.27 to recognize receipt of payment for insurance reimbursement for damage to a fire hydrant.

I. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment to Recognize Receipt of Reimbursement for Services for Water

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$31,470.00 to recognize receipt of reimbursement for services for water line extension at Hollybrook Lane.

J. Resolution to Accept a Grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce – Rural Transformation Grant Fund – Rural Engagement and Investment Program for the North Green Street Streetscape Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve a resolution accepting the Rural Transformation Grant of \$450,000 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce for the North Green Street Streetscape Project and to authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute and issue those agreements on behalf of the City of Morganton.

K. 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: Motion to approve amendments to Code of Ordinances designation No Parking on both sides along Williams Street from the intersection with Wilson Street to the intersection with Lee Street.

L. Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the 2023 Updated Water Shortage Response Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to adopt a resolution approving the 2023 Updated Water Shortage Response Plan.

M. Consideration of Award of Contract for Replacing Playground Equipment at Freedom Park, Carbon City Park and the Small Playground at Catawba River Soccer Complex

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to award contract not to exceed \$249,862.58 to Barrs Recreation for the purpose of replacing the playground equipment at Freedom Park, Carbon City Park and the small playground at Catawba River Soccer Complex.

X. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing and Consideration of Permanently Closing an Alley Behind Buildings on the 100 Block of West Union Street

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of Award of Contract for Bost Road Sewer Line Project and Required Budget Amendments
2. Consideration of Award of Contracts for IP Transport for Video Services via Fiber Connectivity
3. Consideration of Appointments to the NCMPA1 Board of Commissioners
4. Consideration of Award of Contracting through ElectriCities for a Cost of Service Study and Required Budget Amendment

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

XIII. Reports

XIV. Adjournment