



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

February 5, 2024

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 - Rev. George Logan – New Day Christian Church
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
 - A. Proclamation: 2024 Black History Month - Accepted by: Alicia Connelly, President, Burke County NAACP
 - B. Announcement: City Council Workshop, Friday, February 23, 8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Morganton Community House.
 - C. Announcement: Bethel Park closure and renovations to start February 5, 2024. A reopen date is not available at this time. Renovations are expected to take up to one year. While these renovations are being made, please continue to enjoy the City of Morganton's other beautiful public parks including Catawba Meadows, Freedom Park, Carbon City Park, Drexel Heritage Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and Martha's Park.

- D. Announcement: The 30th Annual ACC Chili Cook-Off will be on Friday, March 15th, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Morganton Community House. Tickets are on sale now. They are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Main Street office in Downtown Morganton or online through the City of Morganton website. Tickets will also be available at the door.
- E. Upcoming Events:

- **Downtown/City Hall**

Art in the Hall: February/March 2024 – Watercolor and Pencil – Terry Ratchford – Terry is a self-taught watercolor and colored pencil artist from southern Gaston County NC. Terry's art is inspired by objects experienced and seen around her every day. Her work is an opportunity to revisit the childlike joy of being surprised.

- **Pop-Up Winter Farmers Market:** Saturday, February 10, 2023, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 111 North Green Street.
- **CoMMA Performing Arts Center**

Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
Johnny Cash – The Official Concert Experience

VII. North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 Update

VIII. 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 January 8, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

- B. Consideration of Setting the Date for Advertisement of Unpaid Real Estate Tax Accounts for March 6, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the date for advertisement of unpaid real estate tax accounts for March 6, 2024.

C. Consideration of Approval of Contract for HR Inventory Assessment, Content Manager, HR Management/Recruiting, Time and Attendance, and Employee Access Software

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve a contract with Tyler Technologies for HR Inventory Assessment, Content Manager, HR Management/Recruiting, Time and Attendance, and Employee Access for initial implementation cost of \$128,719 and recurring annual costs of \$12,831 and to authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute such contract and any other necessary documents.

D. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment to Recognize Proceeds from the Sale of Timber and the Related Expense for the Contract to Sale

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$148,678 to recognize proceeds from the sale of timber located on Williams Road and the related expense.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Rezoning Request to Change the Zoning for 0.68 Acre of Property Located at 0 South Sterling Street (PIN 2703806489) from Medium Intensity District Corridor Overlay (MID-CO) to High Intensity District Corridor Overlay (HID-CO)

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of Approval of a Lease Agreement Between City of Morganton and AT&T, Inc. for Location of Telecommunications Antennas on "Monopine" Tower at 105 Steeple Heights Lane
2. Consideration of Adopting of a Resolution of Intent to Exchange Real Properties with Western Piedmont Community College
3. Consideration of Approval of a Contract for Engineering Services with McGill Associates for the North Green Street Streetscape Project and Approval of a Budget Amendment to Establish a Capital Projects Fund
4. Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution of Intent to Permanently Close and Abandon a Portion of Romarco Road and Set a Public Hearing Date

5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- a. Morganton Housing Authority
- b. Cable TV Commission
- c. Library Board of Trustees

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

XII. Reports

XIII. Adjournment