



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

May 6, 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 – Boy Scout Troop 184 sponsored by First Baptist Church – Morganton – accompanied by Troop Leader Rodney Bobak will lead the pledge followed by the Scout Oath.
- IV. Invocation: Given by Dr. Tom Bland, First Baptist Church - Morganton
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Retirements
 - A. Jesse O. Peeler, Senior Downtown Maintenance Worker, Public Works, 30 years.
- VII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
 - A. Proclamation: National Public Works Week – May 19-25, 2024 - Accepted by Michael Chapman, Director Public Works and Brad Boris, Director Water Resources.

- B. Proclamation: Commemorate dedication of the DAR America 250! Patriots Marker at Historic Greenlee Ford on May 18, 2024. Accepted by: Patricia Wells, Chapter Regent, Quaker Meadows Chapter, NSDAR.
- C. Proclamation: American Legion Auxiliary Memorial Poppy Day – May 24, 2024. Accepted by: Unit 322 President Janie Suzette Avery and District 14 President Mary Wright.
- D. Announcement: Special recognition of the month of May 2024 as American-Jewish History and Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month by the City of Morganton Human Relations Commission (HRC). Mayor Thompson to read on the behalf of the HRC.
- E. Upcoming Events:

- **Parks & Recreation**

- **Outdoor Pool and Splash Pad Opening**

Collett Street Recreation Center Pool and Martha's Park Splash Pad will open at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024.

- **Currently Accepting Registrations**

Contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 438-5350 to register for swim lessons, tennis lessons and summer camp.

- **Downtown/City Hall**

- **Art in the Hall**

April/May 2024 – Quilts by Tina Sclarandis and Dianne Kolb – Tina and Dianne's love of quilting manifested itself over the years of grandmother-hood. The finished quilts displayed represent many hours of work with loving thoughts of family. They are leaving a legacy for their families to cherish.

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive - City of Morganton**

Thursday, May 9, 2024, 9am-1:30pm, Council Chambers of City Hall – Open to the Public.

Farmers Markets

- Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 111 North Green Street – May 1, 8 , 15, 22, 29
- Saturdays 8am-Noon at 300 Beach Street – May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1

TGIF '24 Free Summer Concert Series

TGIF will be every Friday night 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. with music starting at 7 p.m. – May through July.

Third Thursday Art Crawl

Thursday, May 16, 2024,
4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Downtown Morganton

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 XII.

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held on April 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of March 2024 Tax Releases in the Amount of \$5,035.80

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve tax releases in the amount of \$5,025.80 for March 2024.

C. Consideration of Award of Contract with First Citizens Wealth Management and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Specific City Staff to Conduct Trust Business on Behalf of the City of Morganton

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award a contract to First Citizens Wealth Management to diversify the City's investment strategies, to approve a resolution authorizing Jessie Parris, Director of Finance, and Kate Setzer, Assistant Director of Finance, to conduct trust business on behalf of the City of Morganton and to authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the contract and any other necessary document

D. Consideration of Award of Contract with Charles R. Underwood Inc. to Perform Work Associated with the Chemical Feed System Modernization Project at the Water Treatment Plant

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve award of contract with Charles R. Underwood, Inc. to perform the work associated with the Chemical Feed System Modernization Project at the Water Treatment Plant not to exceed the amount of \$59,768 and to authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the contract and any other necessary documents.

E. Consideration of Award of Contract with Charles R. Underwood Inc. to Perform Work Associated with the Raw Water Pit By-Pass Project at the Water Treatment Plant

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve contract with Charles R. Underwood, Inc. to perform the work associated with the Raw Water Pit By-Pass Project at the Water Treatment Plant not to exceed the amount of \$231,176 and to authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the contract and any other necessary documents.

F. Consideration of Award of Contract with Weatherguard Roofing to Perform Work Associated with the Main Building Roof Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Plant

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award a contract with Weatherguard Roofing to perform the work associated with the Main Building Roof Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Plant not to exceed the amount of \$168,350.00 and to authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the contract and any other necessary documents.

G. Consideration of Award of Contract with Kemp Construction, Inc. to Perform Work Associated with the Main Building Roof Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Plant

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award a contract with Kemp Construction, Inc. to perform the work associated with the structural repair of overhangs for the Main Building Roof Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Plant not to exceed the amount of \$24,648 and to authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the contract and any other necessary documents.

H. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment to Recognize Receipt of a Restricted Contribution for a New CoMMA Sign

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment to receive a restricted contribution of \$15,000 to be applied toward the purchase of a new CoMMA sign during FY 24-25.

I. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment to Establish a Project Fund Ordinance – Silver Creek Pump Station Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,772,200 to establish a project fund for the Silver Creek Pump Station Project.

J. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment to Establish a Project Fund Ordinance – Water Treatment Plant Sedimentation Basin Improvement Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,601,400 to establish a project fund for the Water Treatment Plant Sedimentation Basin Improvement Project.

K. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment to Recognize Receipt of Reimbursement for Services to the Electric Fund

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$53,500 to recognize receipt of reimbursement for services to the Electric fund for required electric materials used in the installation of Tesla charging stations located at Cracker Barrel in Morganton.

X. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XI. New Business

A. Other Business

1. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Application and Partnership with The Industrial Commons for US Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grant
2. Consideration of Adopting a Resolution to Apply for Grant Funding with the NC Department of Agriculture Manufacturing Initiative Program and to Call for a Public Hearing on this Economic Development Incentive
3. Consideration of a Contiguous Annexation Petition Submitted by Shelby Road Properties, LLC for Approximately 3.2 Acres Located at 107 Mica Avenue and Motion to Call for a Public Hearing

4. Consideration of Resolution Opposing Change in Municipal Elections

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

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

XIII. Reports

XIV. Adjournment