



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

March 1, 2021

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
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Retirement Resolution
 - Ronnie D. South, Water Resources Department, Senior Distribution & Collection Systems Operator
- VII. Service Pins
 - Billy Costner, Electric, Lead Line Clearing Crew, 20 years
 - Mike Foust, Recreation, Aquatics Supervisor, 20 years

VIII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies

- a. Courthouse Square Project Update
Presented by Sharon Jablonski
- b. College Street Redesign Presentation and Notice of Public Meeting
Public Input Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 5:30 p.m.,
Council Chamber at City Hall
- c. ElectriCities Awards
Pre-recorded: Roy Jones, CEO, ElectriCities
- d. Upcoming events:
 - Downtown
ACC Chili Drive-thru, Thursday, March 11th 11:30am-1:00pm,
Community House
 - Easter Egg Hunt
Morganton Parks and Recreation will host a “Drive-thru” Easter Bag
event, Friday, March 26, 4-7 p.m. at the Collett Street Recreation
Center

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 XI.

- A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – For a Special Meeting held on January 22, 2021, a Regular Meeting held on February 1, 2021, and a Closed Session held on February 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

- B. Consideration of a Governmental Entity Certificate of Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Governmental Entity Certificate of Resolution from TD Bank.

- C. Consideration of Participation in the 2021-2022 Urban Archery Season

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve an Urban Archery Season for 2021-2022 in accordance with the regulations established by the North Carolina Wildlife

Resources Commission and to authorize the City to submit a Letter of Intent to participate in the season.

D. Consideration of Entering into an Audit Contract with Elliott Davis

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the award a contract for audit services to Elliott Davis for FY 2020/2021 at a cost of \$39,750.

E. Consideration of Extending the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Under the Families First Corona Relief Act (FFCRA) and the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Approval of 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Leave for Employees

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the “2021 Covid-19 Emergency Leave for Employees Extension” as outlined above effective March 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

F. Consideration of Approval of Updated Pay Ranges Resulting from Market Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the new pay ranges table.

G. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment / Greenway Project Fund

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$797,160 to separate paving expenses from the general construction expense line item in the project fund.

H. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment / Public Safety

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$7,250 to appropriate funding from the Public Safety Drug Enforcement committed fund balance to purchase service weapons for MDPS.

XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XII. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing and Consideration of an Economic Development Agreement and Administrative Costs for Building Re-Use Grant for Project Glides

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of Entering into a CDBG Small Business Loan Agreement with Divinity Donuts & Bakery, LLC

2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

a. Burke County Library Board of Trustees

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

XIV. Reports

XV. Adjournment