



REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

March 6, 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 Pastor Lisa Marshall, St. Matthews United Methodist Church
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Retirement Resolution
  - a. Sarah S. Williams, Chef/Kitchen Manager, Community House Department, 9 years, 11 months.
- VII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
  - a. Recognition: Historic Morganton Festival received an award for “Best Event Associated with an Event” from the NC Association of Festivals and Events for the MADE (Morganton, Arts, Design and Engineering) Competition
  - b. Proclamation: Celebrating a 30-Year Sister Cities German Partnership  
Accepted by: Tracey Trimble, Western Piedmont Sister Cities Association

c. Upcoming events:

- **Downtown/City Hall**

- Chili Cook-Off

- Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Morganton Community House

- Pop-Up Farmers' Market

- Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 111 North Green Street

- Art in the Hall: John David Brown, III – is an artist, graphic designer and director that lives in Conover, North Carolina. His work has a whimsical folk-art, storybook style, with colors and shapes informed by mid-century design. He strives to create happy art that resonates with people of all ages and backgrounds. His art will continue to be displayed in City Hall during the month of March 2023.

- **CoMMA Performing Arts Center**

- Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. – Fairytales on Ice

- Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. – US Air Force Heritage of American Band – Tickets are required – They are FREE!

- Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. – Hiulet Ballerinas

- Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. – Yesterday & Today – The Interactive Beatles Experience

- Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. – On Your Feet! – The Story of Emilio & Gloria Estefan

VIII. Consideration of Changing City Council Meeting time for April 3, 2023

Due to CoMMA programming to begin at 7:30 p.m., City Staff recommend that the time of the City Council meeting for April 3, 2023 be changed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve changing the City Council Meeting time of the April 3, 2023 City Council Meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 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 XI.

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held on February 6, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of Tax Releases – None to Report.

C. Consideration of a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$15,000 to Recognize Receipt of a Restricted Contribution for the Main Street Public Art Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$15,000 to recognize receipt of a restricted contribution for the Main Street Public Art Program.

D. Consideration of Master Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Garver Engineering Services

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Approve and authorize master services agreement with Garver Engineering to provide professional engineering services for Water Resources Department

E. Consideration of Master Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Highfill Infrastructure Engineering

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Approve and authorize master services agreement with Highfill Infrastructure Engineering to provide professional engineering services.

F. Consideration of Participation in the 2024 Urban Archery Season

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve an Urban Archery Season for 2024 (January 13, 2024 to February 18, 2024) in accordance with the regulations established by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and to authorize the City of Morganton to submit a Letter of Intent to participate in the 2024 season.

G. Consideration of Approval of Downtown Calendar of Events and Ordinance Scheduling Street Closures

RECOMMENDATION: To approve the Downtown Calendar of Events and Approve Ordinance Scheduling Street Closures.

H. Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the Electric Transfer Policy of the City of Morganton

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a resolution to amend the Electric Transfer Policy of the City of Morganton.

I. Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the Fund Balance Policy for the City of Morganton's General Fund

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a resolution to amend the Fund Balance Policy for the City of Morganton's General Fund.

J. Consideration of a Resolution in Support of The Innovation Campus Project of The Industrial Commons

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a resolution in support of The Innovation Campus project of The Industrial Commons.

XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XII. New Business

A. Other Business

1. Consideration of Award of Community Development Block Grant Small Business Loan to Morganton General Store (DBA Swede's Café)
2. Consideration of Approval of CoMMA Performing Arts Center Master Plan
3. Consideration of Approval of Contract with Kimley-Horne for Comprehensive Land Use Plan
4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions – None to report.
5. 30-Day Notice Boards and Commissions – None to report.

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

XIV. Reports

XV. Adjournment