



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

August 1, 2022

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 the Rev. David Doster – Burke Community Bible Church
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Service Pin
 - Scott Stewart, Street Supervisor, Public Works, 20 years
 - Tony Bova, Production Manager, CoMMA, 20 years
 - Jesse Peeler, Senior Maintenance Worker, Public Works, 25 years
- VII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
 - a. Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina – Members of Board

- b. Recognition: Fairfield Inn & Suites Morganton Historic Downtown received the 2021 Silver Circle Award from Marriott International at their 2022 virtual awards ceremony on June 6th.
- c. Recognition: Electri-Cities Public Power Award of Excellence for *Continuous Improvement* and *Grid Modernization* received by the City of Morganton on March 28, 2022.
- d. Announcement: Received grant in the amount of \$20,000 for project entitled City Parks Charging Stations for two charging stations to be installed at Catawba Meadows Park and Catawba River Soccer Complex.
- e. Announcement: The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded the Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Morganton for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.
- f. Upcoming Events:

- Downtown/City Hall

Farmers' Markets Continue

Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – Noon at 300 Beach Street

Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. mini-market at 111 North Green Street

Sunday POPS Concerts Continue on Fourth Sundays 3p-5p

August 28th at Historic Burke County Courthouse Square

Miss Morganton Festival Pageant – CoMMA Performing Arts Center
– August 27th, 7 to 10 pm

Art in the Hall: Raymond B. Goodfellow (9/27/49-11/22/2006) – An accomplished abstract artist whose bold, colorful creations reflect his love of life, fantastic imagination and appreciation of nature, creatures and the world around him.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: 9a-1:30p August 25, 2022 in the Council Chambers at City Hall

Historic Morganton Festival – Sept. 9-10 – SAVE THE DATES!

- CoMMA Performing Arts Center

CoMMA Season/Individual Tickets Available to Public beginning August 1st

State of Origins Brewery Festival – Burke Historic Courthouse Square – Saturday, August 6th, 5 to 9 pm

Master Plan Public Input Sessions – Wednesday, August 17th, 4:00 pm at CoMMA Performing Arts Center and Thursday, August 18th, 5:30 pm at Craft'd

- Parks and Recreation

Drop-In Community Meeting to receive input on the proposed Hunting Creek Greenway Alignment hosted by NCSSM at Goodwin Hall, Thursday, August 4, 2022, 5:30 to 7 pm

Collett Street Swimming Pool will begin abbreviated hours during the month of August: Open during the week on Tuesday and Thursday 1 to 9 pm and on Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm and will close for the season on Sunday, August 28th

Splash Pads at Martha's Park and MLK Park close after Labor Day, Monday, September 5th

VIII. Consideration of Changing City Council Meeting Date for September 2022

- City Hall will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday

RECOMMENDATION: Approve changing the City Council Meeting date from Monday, September 5, 2022 to Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6 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 XII.

- A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held on June 6, 2022 and Special Budget Meeting held on June 20, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of a Proposal to Re-Name Pitts Avenue to be a Continuation of Morgan Drive

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the proposal to re-name Pitts Avenue to be a continuation of Morgan Drive.

C. Consideration of Award of Annual Tree Trimming Contract to Foothills Tree Maintenance, LLC

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award tree trimming contract to Foothills Tree Maintenance, LLC in the amount of \$240,000 for 1,920 hours at \$125.00 per hour.

D. Consideration of Award of Contract to Max Prestwood Construction, LLC of Lenoir, NC for Garrison Road Waterline Replacement Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve award of contract to Max Prestwood Construction, LLC of Lenoir, NC, in the amount of \$130,000 to complete the Garrison Road Waterline Replacement Project.

E. Consideration of Budget Amendment for Building Re-Use Grant for Project Highlander/Vanguard

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve budget amendment in the amount of \$210,000 for Project Highlander/Vanguard.

F. Consideration of Approval of a Contract with Sanford Holshouser Economic Development Consulting, LLC

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a contract, in the form of a Letter of Engagement/Memorandum of Understanding, with Sanford Holshouser Economic Development Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$3,000 a quarter for one year to begin August 2022.

G. Consideration of Award of Contracts to Purchase a Fire Truck and Knuckle Boom and Consideration of Award of Contract for Financing for these Pieces of Equipment

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award contract to purchase a fire truck from Pierce Enforcer in the amount of \$820,000 and a knuckle boom loader from Joe Johnson Equipment in the amount of \$176,561.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve contract for financing for the fire truck and knuckle boom.

H. Consideration of 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Water Resources Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve a 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for Water Resources to improve the grant application to DWI.

I. Consideration of Award of Contract to Purchase a Front Loader for the Wastewater Treatment Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award the contract to purchase a front loader from Carolina CAT in the amount of \$300,285.44 through the Sourcewell Co-Op contract - 03219-CAT.

XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XII. New Business

A. Other Business

1. Consideration of the Adoption of Policies Related to Use and Expenditure of ARPA Funds

- a. Approval of resolution adopting non-discrimination policy
- b. Approval of resolution adopting records retention policy
- c. Approval of resolution adopting conflicts of interest policy
- d. Approval of resolution adopting eligible use policy
- e. Approval of resolution adopting cost principles policy
- f. Approval of resolution adopting property management policy
- g. Approval of resolution adopting program income policy

2. Consideration of Award of Contract to W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc. to Submit Applications for Fall 2022 Funding for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

- a. Approval of contract with W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc. for up to \$1,500 to prepare the application for submittal to DWI by September 30, 2022.
- b. Approval of a resolution authorizing the application to NCDEQ-DWI Fall 2022 for the construction of a drinking water project to upgrade and rebuild the water treatment plant coagulation and sedimentation basins.

3. Consideration of Items Pertaining to NPDES Stormwater Permit and Recent Audit
 - a. Approval of resolution supporting the City's intention to comply with the requirements of our NPDES Stormwater permit and program
 - b. Consideration of award of contract to Withers-Ravenel in the amount of \$86,750 to support the efforts to adequately respond to the NOV
 - c. Consideration of a budget amendment in the amount of \$66,750 to appropriate adequate funding for the professional services contract with Withers-Ravenel.
4. Consideration of Resolution to Appoint Wade Griffin as Review Officer for Planning and Zoning
5. Consideration of a Resolution of Intent to Permanently Close and Abandon a Section of Agnes Street and to Call for a Public Hearing on September 12, 2022 at 6 p.m.
6. Consideration of Award of Contract for Engineering Services for the Development of Conceptual Design Plans for Restoration of Hunting Creek
 - a. Approval of a contract and issue work authorization to Wildlands Engineering, Inc. for conceptual design for Hunting Creek restoration.
 - b. Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$30,000.
7. Appointments to Boards and Commissions
 - a. Human Relations Commission
 - b. Recreation Advisory Commission
 - c. ABC Board

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

XIV. Reports

XV. Adjournment