



REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

October 3, 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  
Tiffany Patterson  
Ernest Williams, IV

- I. Call to Order in Conference Room 4 at City Hall at 4:30 p.m.
- II. Closed Session to Discuss an Economic Development Project as per General Statutes sec. 143-318.11(a)(4)  
  
MOTION to go into closed session in accordance with General Statutes section 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss an economic development project.
- III. Call to Order Open Session in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- IV. 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.*
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- VI. Invocation Given by the Rev. George Logan – New Day Christian Church
- VII. Introduction of Council
- VIII. Retirement Resolutions
  - Mary E. Buchanan, Customer Service Specialist, Finance

IX. Service Pin

- Willette McIntosh, Customer Service Specialist, CoMPAS, 30 years

X. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies

- a. Presentation: Kathy Bailey, CEO - UNC Health Blue Ridge - Expansion Project
- b. Presentation: Michelle Gregory, Miss Morganton Pageant Director, to introduce the five newly crowned Morganton Festival Scholarship Pageant winners.
- c. Proclamation: Public Power Week  
Accepted by: Brooks Kirby, Electric Services Director
- d. Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week  
Accepted by: Captain Israel Gibson, MDPS
- e. Announcement: Beginning in 2022, City Council proclaimed that October 22<sup>nd</sup> would be celebrated annually as “Daniel Morgan Day”. October 22, 1784 is the day the NC Legislature established the City of Morganton naming it for Revolutionary War Hero General Daniel Morgan. This year various organizations will celebrate the City’s 238<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- f. Announcement: City of Morganton Public Works began running leaf collection routes this month, and will continue collecting leaves for citizens free of charge as needed through January. To help us help you, there are some general guidelines:
  - 1 - Public Works collects leaves every two weeks during leaf season from October through January at no charge to residents.
  - 2 - After January, residents must pay a \$25.00 to have loose leaves collected.
  - 3 - Residents should pile leaves as close to the road as possible without blocking the road or sidewalks.
  - 4 - If your vehicle is parked on the side of the street blocking the leaf pile or making it difficult to pick up without damaging your vehicle, your leaves will not be collected.
  - 5 - Please keep your leaf piles free of sticks, debris, branches and other miscellaneous items. If your leaf pile contains sticks, debris, branches

or other items, your leaves will not be collected, as collecting these items with a leaf truck can damage the truck and take it out of service.

g. Upcoming events:

- Downtown/City Hall

Farmers' Markets Continue in October

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

MADE (Morganton Art Design & Engineering) Competition – Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Historic Courthouse Square

Halloween Spooktacular – Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Historic Courthouse Square

Art in the Hall: Thomas Thielemann – Mixed Media – He is the AFA Visual Arts Director at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute where he also teaches. His work combines a variety of disciplines and will be displayed at Morganton City Hall during the months of October and November 2022.

- CoMMA Performing Arts Center

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. – Luca Stricagnoli – Italy's Guitar Prodigy

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. – Lonestar

- Recreation

Friday/Saturday, October 7 and 8 - Plow Days at Catawba Meadows Park, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday/Saturday, October 21-22 – Spooky Meadows at Catawba Meadows Park, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

XI. North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 Update

XII. 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 X.

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of Tax Releases in the Amount of \$1,213.72

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve tax releases in the amount of \$1,213.72.

C. Consideration of a Utility Construction Agreement (B-6011) in Conjunction with the Replacement of Bridge 145 over Bristol Creek on SR 1430 (Hartland Road).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Utility Agreement with the NC Department of Transportation for estimated costs of \$11,501.61 to replace waters lines associated with the replacement of Bridge 145 over Bristol Creek on SR 1430 (Hartland Road)

D. Consideration of Award of Contract to Update the Existing Electric Substation Communication System

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award of contract to Survalent Technology Corporation in the amount of \$137,149, to install, connect and calibrate a new SCADA system and to provide training to city personnel.

XIII. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XIV. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing and Consideration of Approval of Alternative Design for City of Morganton Electric Sub-Station Fencing

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Allowing the City to Apply to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for a Building Re-Use Grant for Expansion of a Local Business Identified as "Project Fill" in the Amount of \$500,000

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

XVI. Reports

XVII. Adjournment