



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

February 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 Rev. George Logan – New Day Christian Church
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Service Pin
 - a. Sally W. Sandy, City Manager, Executive Department, 30 years.
- VII. Retirement Resolution
 - a. Jamie B. Clark, Lieutenant Fire Services, Public Safety Department, 29 years.
- VIII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
 - a. Announcement: City Council Workshop, Friday, February 24, 8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Morganton Community House

- b. Presentation: John Bridgers, Tax Administrator, Burke County Tax Office
- c. Proclamation: 2023 the Year of the Trail
Accepted by: Bryan Fish, Director, Recreation Department
- d. Proclamation: 2023 Black History Month
Accepted by: Alicia Connelly, President, Burke County NAACP
- e. Upcoming events:

- **Downtown/City Hall**

- American Red Cross Blood Drive

- Thursday, February 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers – Open to the public.

- American Pop-Up Farmers' Market

- Saturday, February 11th 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 be displayed in City Hall during the months of February and March 2023.

- **CoMMA Performing Arts Center**

- Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 p.m. – ZuZu African Acrobats

- Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. – Kelly Swanson - Who Hijacked My Fairytale?

- **Collett Street Recreation Center**

- Saturday, February 25, 2023, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Black History Festival.

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 January 9, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

- B. Consideration of Tax Releases – No tax releases to report for December 2022.

- C. Consideration to Set the Date for Advertisement of Unpaid Real Estate Tax Accounts for April 5, 2023

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the date for advertisement of unpaid real estate tax accounts for April 5, 2023.

- D. Consideration of a Resolution Stating City Support of Petition to Close Kimball Glass Drive (SR 1318), a State-Maintained Road Within the City Limits

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a Resolution stating the City of Morganton has no objection to abandonment by the NC DOT of Kimball Glass Drive (SR 1318).

- E. Consideration of Approval of Revision of the “City of Morganton Construction Specifications for Electric Services 600 Amp and Above”

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the revision of the Electric Department requirements for Electric Services 600 amp and above as submitted effective March 1, 2023.

- F. Consideration of Budget Amendment to Recognize Receipt of Grant Funding from North Carolina’s Governor’s Crime Commission (GCC)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve budget amendment to receive grant funding of \$24,500 for Public Safety Evidence Incinerator.

- G. Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment for Insurance Reimbursements in Various Departments

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve a budget amendment of \$7,469.65 to recognize receipt of payment for insurance reimbursement for damage to Public Works vehicles.

Approve a budget amendment of \$4,614.65 to recognize receipt of payment for insurance reimbursement for damage to Electric Services vehicle.

Approve a budget amendment of \$3,298.18 to recognize the receipt of payment for insurance reimbursement for damages to Catawba Meadows entrance.

- XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

- XII. New Business

A. Other Business

1. Consideration of Budget Amendment to Appropriate \$32,200 for Phase II Environmental Assessment of City properties located on the corner of East Union Street and White Street and the 400 Block of East Meeting Street
2. Consideration of Award of Contract and Approval of Budget Amendment for City of Morganton Wash Station Project
3. Consideration of Approval of a Revised Take-Home Car Policy for Public Safety
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