



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

April 1, 2024

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 City Attorney Louis Vinay.
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
 - A. Recognition: LEAF (Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation) 2023 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award – PSO Hannah Lail, Morganton Public Safety.
 - B. Announcement: Sharon Jablonski, Director, Department of Cultural and Creative Development, to announce Morganton’s Main Street Champion for 2023.
 - C. Proclamation: North Carolina Lineworker Appreciation Day – April 18, 2024. Accepted by: Brooks Kirby, Director of Electric Services

D. Proclamation: April 2024 as Community Appearance and “Every Litter Bit Hurts – A Beautiful Morganton Starts Here” Month in Morganton.
Accepted by: Cheryl Gratton, Chairman, CAAC and Michael Berley

E. Upcoming Events:

- **Parks & Recreation**

Baseball/Softball Opening Day – Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., Catawba Meadows.

- **Downtown/City Hall**

IMAGINE Morganton 2040 Community Workshops:
Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 5 – 7 p.m. and Thursday, April 11, 2024, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Art in the Hall: April/May 2024 – Quilts by Tina Sclarandis and Dianne Kolb – Tina and Dianne’s love of quilting manifested itself over the years of grandmother-hood. The finished quilts displayed represent many hours of work with loving thoughts of family. They are leaving a legacy for their families to cherish.

Pop-Up Spring Farmers Market: Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 111 North Green Street.

Basket Case Spring Chase Scavenger Hunt: Saturday, May 4, 2024, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Sponsored by the Downtown Development Association – The scavenger hunt will lead participants through participating downtown businesses where there will be activities and tasks with opportunity to win Downtown Bucks.

- **CoMMA Performing Arts Center**

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
Les Ballet Trockadero de Monte Carlo

Friday, April 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
Alfreda Sings Aretha

VII. North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 Update

VIII. 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 City Council Workshop held on February 23, 2024 and a Regular Meeting held on March 4, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

- B. Consideration of February 2024 Tax Releases in the Amount of \$2,065.19

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve tax releases in the amount of \$2,065.19 for February 2024.

- C. Consideration of Adopting a Resolution to Designate an Official to Make Recommendations to the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABC) on ABC Permit Applications

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution designating Chief Jason Whisnant, Director of Morganton Public Safety, as the official to make recommendations to the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABC) on ABC Permit applications.

- D. Consideration of Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the North Carolina School for the Deaf (NCSD) and Morganton Public Safety (MPS) to Establish Roles and Responsibilities

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between North Carolina School for the Deaf and Morganton Public Safety to establish roles and responsibilities that will improve safety at NCSD for students and/or school safety training.

- E. Consideration of Award of Contract for Comprehensive Sidewalk Condition Assessment

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award of contract for comprehensive sidewalk condition assessment to Precision Infrastructure Management in the amount of \$39,335 for up to 50 miles of sidewalk and to authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute such contract and any other necessary documents.

- IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

- X. New Business

- A. Other Business

- 1. Consideration of Award of Contract (Task Order #2) Providing Design Verification, Electrical Improvements, Bid Phase Services and Construction Contract Administration for the Water Treatment Plant Sedimentation Improvements Project

2. Consideration of Award of Contract for Fencing, Demolition, Excavation, Backfill and Pavers for “Hardware Alley” Located at 100 Block of West Union Street and Approval of Associated Budget Amendment
3. Consideration of Award of Contract for the Upgrade and Replacement of the Sewer and Stormwater Infrastructure for “Hardware Alley”
4. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application from the North Carolina Department of Commerce – Rural Transformation Grant – Fund Rural Downtown Economic Development Grants for the Green Street Streetscape Improvements
5. 30-Day Notice Boards and Commissions
 - a. Human Relations Commission

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

XII. Reports

XIII. Adjournment