



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

September 14, 2015

Mel L. Cohen, Mayor

Sally W. Sandy, City Manager
Louis E. Vinay, Jr., City Attorney

John H. Cantrell)
Forrest A. Fleming) Councilmen
Sidney Simmons)
Ronnie Thompson)

Becky Brinkley, Interpreter

I. Call to Order in the Council Chamber at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

II. Public Comment – 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

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. Business of the Council begins at 6:00 p.m.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

V. Invocation to be Given by the Rev. Tom Bland, First Baptist Church

VI. Introduction of Council

VII. Recognition of the Morganton Big League Softball Southeast Regional Championship Team – Gary Leonhardt, Director of Recreation

VIII. Presentation of Service Pins

- Harrell Stines, Public Works, Mechanic, 20 years

IX. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies

- a. Upcoming events:
 - Farmer's Markets continue with the Wednesday mini-market on North Green and the Saturday market behind Morganton Station
 - Revolutionary War Week in Burke County
September 26 – October 1 (Public events schedule attached)
- b. Constitution Week Proclamation
Accepted by Patricia Baldi-Davis, Regent and Joyce Kendall, Constitution Week Chairman, Quaker Meadows National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution
- c. Recovery Month Proclamation
Accepted by Joe Marks, Community Relations Director, Burke Recovery
- d. ElectriCities Safety Award
Given by David R. Young, Jr., Supervisor Training & Safety, ElectriCities
Received by Brooks Kirby, Director of Electric Services
- e. Community Appearance Awards
Announcing Merit Award Winners: Grace Ridge and Treat

X. North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 Update

XI. 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. Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held on August 3, 2015.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of Tax Releases in the amount of \$3,704.95

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve tax releases in the amount of \$3,704.95.

C. Consideration of Appointment of Tax Collector and Approving a Resolution Adopting an Order Directing the Tax Collector to Collect Taxes

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Reappoint Denise Smith as Tax Collector for a period of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

Approve a Resolution Adopting an Order Directing the Tax Collector to Collect Taxes.

D. Consideration of a Budget Amendment / Big League World Series

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment to appropriate the receipt of contributions to help cover expenses for the Big League World Series.

Approve appropriation of funds to cover expenses for the Big League World Series.

E. Consideration of a Budget Amendment / Accredited Security

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment to appropriate the receipt of funds in the amount of \$10,240 from Accredited Security and the corresponding expenditure.

F. Consideration of a Budget Amendment / Etta Baker Memorial Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment to appropriate the receipt of a \$50 contribution for the Etta Baker Memorial Project.

G. Consideration of a New Lease Agreement with the State Employees Credit Union for ATM Location Near Martha's Park

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve entering into a 5-year lease agreement with the State Employees Credit Union for location and maintenance of an ATM unit in the 200 block of North College Street, near Martha's Park, at a rental of \$3,000 per year, and subject to the terms and conditions stated in the agreement.

H. Consideration of Purchase of a Leaf Vacuum Truck, Award of Financing, and Budget Amendment

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$13,000 to appropriate additional funds for the purchase of a leaf vacuum truck.

Motion to award the bid to purchase a new ODB Truck Mounted Vacuum Debris Collector Model SCL800SM-25 to Old Dominion Brush Co., Inc. under the NJPA Contract #060612-ODB in the amount of \$166,018.52

Motion to approve resolution to award financing to First Citizen's at an interest rate of 1.26% for a period of 3 years.

I. Consideration of Authorization and Approval for "Republication" of City Code Online

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize and approve republication of the Charter and Code of Ordinances in online format.

XII. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XIII. New Business

1. Consideration of Acceptance of a North Carolina Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Offer & Acceptance / Clearwell
2. Consideration of a Request Submitted by Connor Investments, LLC to Permanently Close and Abandon a Portion of Steakhouse Road Also Identified as Randall Street or S.R. 1816
3. Consideration of a Revised Resolution Authorizing the City of Morganton to Submit an Application to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization in the Amount of \$1,334,566 for Surface Transportation Program - Direct Appointment Funds for the Morganton Downtown/Greenway Connector Project
4. Consideration of Easement Agreement with Senior Deaf & Blind Community, LLC, Including Cross Easements

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

XV. Closed Session to Discuss a Personnel Item as per North Carolina General Statutes sec. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Motion: Move to go into a closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes sec.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel item.

XVI. Reports

XVII. Adjournment