

Morgantown City Council Struggles with TAP Grant



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Morgantown City Council members.

By Lynn Bledsoe
Jobe Reporter
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Morgantown City Council held its regular meeting.

Planning and Zoning was first. The public hearing of rezoning for the public library was approved. One permit was approved for a greenhouse.

Utilities reported two employees were in classes for certification. At the last meeting the second reading of the budget was held.

Tourism has a new chairman, Olivia Williams. A meeting will be held on the 26 at 5:30.

In May MOGO had 1620 riders and 672 meals delivered.

Code Enforcement reported 15 new cases opened and closed 18 cases. 4 citations were issued.

Fire Department reported: canceled

in route calls- county 1, medical assistance calls- county 3, city 4, structure fire calls- county 2, vehicle accident calls-county 4, city 1, calls for assistance- county 1, and smoke alarm calls- county 1, for a total of 17 calls.

Public Works reported changing some road tiles and hauling brush away.

Police Department reported 181 calls to service, 4 motor vehicle, 7 arrest, 2 criminal cases, 53 traffic stops, 17 citations, 47 courtesy notices, and several special details worked, bringing the total calls to service to 842.

The City Clerk reported they are finishing the audit. The Clerks off is working on closing out for the generator grant. They are also waiting on a partial payment for the farmers market grant.

In the Mayor's reports,

Mayor Phelps stated over 50 kids have come to work for the city during the summer. The MOGO bus assisted the Trail Town. The Summer Social went well. The Animal Shelter opened its Spay and Neuter Clinic building. ACS had a ribbon cutting with the Governor. The City sponsored Whiskers softball tournament will be June 28, 2025. Movies at the pool are going great with a good response. The TAP grant bid was \$322,000, only \$145,000 was awarded in the grant, the city agreed to add another \$50,000 to help things along. The reason the approval amount was so low is because the grant was applied for in 2017. Mayor Phelps is not sure that will be enough. The state is working to raise the amounts in the line items or the city can reapply.

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Void: BASSY, HAGUL, Against: SAVEER, Lack: LACK, HATRED

TODAY'S WORD: _____

FEAR KNOT

By: rj Johnson

CSI: NEEDIP, URALT, HACT, SCORUC, ELD, PISL, IDELT, APH, URNDAT, AHLSD, COID

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked () letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. V R A T H E becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Today's Word: BUYER

1. Abyss 2. Laugh; 3. Averse; 4. Death; 5. Blinds are different.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Desk is wider. 2. Nose is smaller. 3. Blinds are higher. 4. Pocket is taller. 5. File cabinet is moved. 6. Desk lamp is different.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

YOU KNOW, IT WOULD REALLY BE GREAT IF YOU COULD STOP REARRANGING THE FURNITURE EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS "BUMMER SLAM" PART 10

BRUTUS IS SET TO WRESTLE MACCHI MACHISMO, BUT THE OTHER WRESTLERS WARNED HIM HE'S BEING TRICKED. MACCHI PLANS ON MAKING HIM LOOK LIKE A FOOL AND HURTING HIM IN THE PROCESS.

IT'S SO SWEET YOU'D TAKE YOUR NEPHEW TO A WRESTLING SHOW.

I JUST LOVE HAVING MAKIN' HIM HAPPY, Y'KNOW?

HE TOLD ME THE ONLY REASON HE FEEDS ME IS HE MIGHT NEED MY KIDNEY ONE DAY.

YOU COULDA PLAYED ALONG!

AND YOU COULDA REMEMBERED MY BIRTHDAY. LIFE IS FULL OF COULDAS.

I'M GOIN' TO MY MATCH.

BRUTUS, WOT IS YA DOIN'?

YA RIGHT? 'EM RIGHT? MACCHI IS USIN' YA!

I KNOW, POPEYE. ALMOST EVERYONE DOES. SEA HAG USED ME AS CHEAP LABOR FOR YEARS. BLUTO USES ME AS PUNCHING BAG AND SCAPEGOAT.

I'M USED TO BEING USED. IT'S WHAT I'M GOOD AT. IT'S ALL I'M GOOD AT.

I NEVER HAD ANYONE TO LOOK UP TO. I DON'T WANT THAT FOR HARDTACK. HIS DAD, BURLO, HAS CHOSEN TO BE OUTTA THE PICTURE.

BLUTO IS BLUTO, MY BIG BROTHER, BRUTO, IS GREAT, BUT HE'S DEALING WITH HIS OWN KIDS AND LIFE.

AND HARDTACK WON'T EVER LOOK UP TO ME, I DON'T DESERVE THAT. BUT IF I CAN GIVE HIM A HERO, SOMEONE TO ASPIRE TO? THAT'S WORTH THE LUMPS.

ALLS I KNOWS HOW T'DO IS FIGHT.

HOW DOES I PUNCH SELF-WORTH INT' THE GALOOT?