

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
JANUARY 27, 2015

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 pm (local time) in regular session, this date, in the City Court Building, Highway 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present: Honorable Frank P. Grizzaffi, III Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Barry Dufrene, James Fontenot, Tim Hymel, and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: None

Also present were Mr. Marcus Folse, Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Bias.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Tri City Track Club had requested use of Lake End Parkway to hold the Iron Horse Triathlon on June 28, 2015. A motion to allow the use of Lake End Parkway was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Aimee Monnin addressed the council regarding the city's vicious dog ordinance. She requested that the council repeal the ordinance banning Pit Bulls and lessen the restrictions on Rottweilers. Mrs. Sherry Schan stated that she was one of the only remaining Pit Bull owners left because she was grandfathered in. She stated that she felt the restrictions on vicious dogs were too harsh. Mrs. Misty Pierce stated that she also wanted the council to reevaluate the vicious dog ordinance.

Mr. Edward Perot with the American Legion Riders Post 96 stated that he wanted the City's support for his Memorial Day function at the Lake End Park Pavilion on May 24, 2015.

The minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending December 31, 2014.

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**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**DATE:** January 27, 2014  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Deborah Garber  
**RE:** Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended December 31, 2014.

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Attached is a summary that compares our actual revenues and expenses to our amended operational budget for our major funds subject to budgetary control for the period ending December 31, 2014. The following comments are related thereto:

**General and Ancillary Funds:** Actual total revenues are over budget by \$182,355. Operating expenses are below budget by \$168,743. The net income, after transfers, of \$586,030 creates a favorable variance of \$341,274.

**Utility Fund:** Actual revenues are over budget by \$505,432, with operational expenses under budget by \$417,466. The net income, after transfers, of \$446,776 creates a favorable variance of \$904,872.

**Sanitation and Sewer Fund:** The operating revenues are \$2,989 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$77,154. The net income, after transfers, of \$189,160 leaves an unfavorable variance of \$407,640.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Deborah Garber  
Deborah Garber  
Finance Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT  
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget  
Period Ended December 31, 2014

	December 2014 ACTUAL	December 2014 BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS</b>			
REVENUES			
General Fund	7,707,931	7,581,402	126,529
Recreation Fund	177,478	160,342	17,136
Library Fund	29,890	28,852	1,038
Auditorium Fund	341,333	331,143	10,190
Lake End Park Fund	768,172	740,710	27,462
Total Revenues	9,024,804	8,842,449	182,355
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	10,076,680	10,019,546	57,134
Recreation Fund	584,502	700,307	(115,805)
Library Fund	147,488	143,393	4,095
Auditorium Fund	476,869	503,633	(26,764)
Lake End Park Fund	733,834	821,237	(87,403)
Total Expenses	12,019,373	12,188,116	(168,743)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	4,472,423	4,472,423	0
Transfers to Funds	(891,824)	(882,000)	(9,824)
Net Transfers	3,580,599	3,590,423	(9,824)
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	586,030	244,756	341,274
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>			
Total			
Revenues	22,293,694	21,788,262	505,432
Total Expenditures	18,383,304	18,800,770	(417,466)
Net Excess	3,910,390	2,987,492	922,898
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(3,463,614)	(3,445,588)	(18,026)
Excess net of transfers	446,776	(458,096)	904,872
<b>SANITATION AND SEWER FUND</b>			
Total			
Revenues	2,828,640	2,831,629	(2,989)
Total Expenses	3,119,855	3,197,009	(77,154)
Net Excess	(291,215)	(365,380)	74,165
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	480,375	962,180	(481,805)
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	189,160	596,800	(407,640)

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the sidewalks all over town needed to be repaired. He stated that he would like to start in Lakeside subdivision with the City supplying materials and the landowner being assessed the cost of the labor. He stated that there were 16 manhole covers that needed to be acted upon immediately. He stated that there would be a shared cost analysis done and he would be in discussions with the council and the City Attorney on the best way to go about it.

The next item on the agenda was the garbage truck discussion. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the majority of the work orders called in were garbage related. The trucks break down constantly and one option would be to purchase an additional used garbage truck. He stated that if the five municipalities joined with the Parish to bid out the garbage service, there would be about 30,000 cans instead of the 7,000 citywide. He said this would give the residents a better price. The city mechanic, Bubba Fase, stated that assistance was needed from the drivers to take care of the equipment. The Mayor stated that a decision did not have to be made until October, but he wanted to start the discussion.

Mr. Pete Lawton, the city nuisance abatement officer, stated that the house located at 215 Arizona Street had been in disrepair for quite some time. He stated that all required steps had been followed and there had been no cooperation from the owners. He asked that the council condemn the property so it could be demolished. Mr. Henry Mangum, son in law of the deceased property owner stated that he was on a fixed income and had been having trouble getting the family to work with him on getting the house torn down. Reverend Bias made a motion to allow a 60 day grace period to allow Mr. Mangum to get the property torn down and to have the council take the matter up at the March meeting, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next item on the agenda was the election of the Mayor Pro-Tempore, whereupon, Mr. Hymel offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-01

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 01-3, the council approved a change to the charter to provide for the annual selection of the mayor pro-tempore by a majority vote of the council, said selection to be made at the first meeting in January of each year, and

WHEREAS, this home rule charter amendment, in an election held on October 12, 2002, was approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors voting in this election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Councilman Dufrene is hereby selected as Mayor Pro-tempore of the City Council for the year 2015.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot, Hymel  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mr. Oscar Boudreaux with Environmental Engineering Services stated that bids had been taken on the Headworks project. He stated that the low bidder was Volute, whereupon,

Mr. Fontenot offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-02

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the base bid plus alternate number one of Volute, Inc. of Houma, Louisiana for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, etc., for the Upgrade of Headworks project in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$587,000.00) being the least and most responsible bid received, be and the same is hereby accepted and awarded to Volute, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said Volute, Inc. for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment for the Upgrade of Headworks project, Morgan City, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the contract shall be filed with the Clerk of Court and Ex-officio Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, for recordation in the mortgage records of said parish, hereby ratifying and confirming his act or acts in the premises.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Fontenot, Tamporello, Bias, Dufrene, Hymel  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the St. Martin Parish water contract had expired. He stated there were some minor changes to the new contract that would be beneficial to the City, whereupon,

Reverend Bias offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-03

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City has been supplying water to the Stephenville area for many year through a contract with the St. Martin Water District No. 2, and

WHEREAS, its present contract has expired and both parties are desirous of continuing this arrangement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that a new contract with the St. Martin Water District No. 2 is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized, empowered, and directed to execute said contract for an on behalf of the City, hereby ratifying and confirming his act or acts in the premises.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Fontenot, Bias, Dufrene, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the auditors needed to be retained each year, whereupon,

Mr. Hymel offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-04

WHEREAS, the firm of Kolder, Champagne, Slaven and Company, LLC submitted an agreement letter for the examination of the financial statements of the City of Morgan City for the year ending December 31, 2014, and

WHEREAS, said agreement letter must be approved by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute the letter agreement between the City and Kolder, Champagne, Slaven and Company, LLC for the purpose of conducting an examination of the City's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Tamporello, Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire, whereupon,

Mr. Dufrene offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-05

WHEREAS, as required by the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, a Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire is to be completed and submitted to the firm of Kolder, Champagne, Slaven, & Company for the City of Morgan City and

WHEREAS, along with the audit report, the results of this questionnaire must be submitted to the Legislative Auditor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that it hereby approves and adopts the Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire as completed and submitted by the Finance Director.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Dufrene, Fontenot, Bias, Hymel, Tamporello  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the first reading for the Gas Tap Fee ordinance. No definitive action necessary.

The first reading of the Sewer Tap ordinance was next on the agenda. No definitive action necessary.

The next matter on the agenda was the first reading of the Utility Reliability Upgrade ordinance. No definitive action necessary.

The public hearing for the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District Permit Fees ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance, whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with first reading on December 17, 2014. Published by title on December 22, 2014.

Reverend Bias offered the following ordinance, who moved for its adoption.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES PURSUANT TO ITS AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE WITH THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana ("City"), in consideration of the reasons provided in that one certain cooperative endeavor agreement executed on June 26, 2014 between the City and the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") that it does hereby approve the waiver of all associated building permit fees for the District's Governmental Emergency Operations Center, bearing the municipal address of 7335 Highway 182, Morgan City, La.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor, Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, be and is hereby authorized and directed to do any and all acts and things on behalf and in the name of the City that he deems necessary, proper, or that may be required to carry out and accomplish the intent of this ordinance.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Bias, Tamporello, Dufrene, Fontenot, Hymel

NAYS: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

Certified and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

Delivered to the Mayor at 2:00 pm, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January , 2015.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III Mayor

Delivered to the Mayor at 2:30 pm, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: January 30, 2015

The application for a Class "A" Liquor and beer permit (copy on file) for Michael Ruffin, Sr. d/b/a Lollettes Southern Soul Cafe, 7409 Highway 90 East, was submitted. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the names of Mark J. Distefano, Terry Mayon, Bruce Bordelon, Dr. Bill Cefalu, Jr., and Rob Radtke for appointment on the Fallen Warriors Memorial Committee. A motion to concur in the appointments was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Dufrene and voted unanimously in favor.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor