

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
April 28, 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 was Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Bias.

Mr. C. E. Bourg addressed the council regarding the City's parking ordinance. He stated that it was unlawful to park any vehicle within 20 feet of an intersection. He stated he had been complaining about the corner of Freret and Second Streets and nothing had been done about it. He said there were always two or three cars parked on the corner and it made it extremely hard to see oncoming traffic. He asked that the City enforce the ordinance. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he had been in contact with the owner of the apartments and he felt that they would come up with a reasonable solution to the problem.

Mr. Pat Cloutier addressed the council and asked if the City had the plans for the wharf available for viewing by the public. He stated that he had requested to see them and had not yet been provided them. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the contract had not yet been awarded, but was on the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Cloutier asked Mayor Grizzaffi what he meant when he stated that the FEMA noncompliant building would cost the City a lot of money. The Mayor stated that if the City was deemed responsible there would be a \$50,000 deductible that the city would have to pay. Mr. Landry stated that there was pending litigation on the issue and the issue would need to be resolved before any further comments were made.

Ms. Aimee Monnin stated that she would like the Rottweiler ordinance put on the agenda. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that she needed to get the information to the Councilmen and it would be up to one of them to make the decision to place it on the agenda.

Ms. Tammy Stevens with the Morgan City Oilfield Fishing Rodeo stated that their third annual tournament would take place on Saturday May 9, 2015 in Patterson. She said the weigh in was at 4PM and invited everyone to come out and join in the event.

The minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2015.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Date: April 28, 2015
To: Mayor and Council
From: Deborah Garber
Re: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended march 31, 2015.

Attached is a summary that compares our actual revenues and expenses to our operational budget for our major funds subject to budgetary control for the period ending March 31, 2015. The following comments are related hereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$50,315. Sales taxes in General Fund were under budget by 77,700. Operating expenses are below budget by \$277,307. The net income, after transfers, of \$208,902 creates a favorable variance of \$327,622.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are over budget by \$152,790, with operational expenses under budget by \$628,975. Energy and gas costs are \$310,000 under budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$493,230 creates a favorable variance of \$782,684.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$82,632 under budget, with total Operating expenses under budget by \$92,309. The net loss, after transfers, of \$22,276 Leaves a favorable variance of \$7,649.00.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Deborah Garber
Deborah Garber
Finance Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended March 31, 2015

	March 2015 ACTUAL	March 2015 BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			
REVENUES			
General Fund	1,835,688	1,830,986	4,703
Recreation Fund	42,248	32,188	10,061
Library Fund	4,203	3,503	701
Auditorium Fund	38,177	28,794	9,383
Lake End Park Fund	166,996	141,528	25,469
Total Revenues	2,087,312	2,036,997	50,315
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	2,391,851	2,567,894	(176,043)
Recreation Fund	86,228	109,736	(23,508)
Library Fund	25,268	31,423	(6,155)
Auditorium Fund	104,782	133,820	(29,038)
Lake End Park Fund	155,279	197,841	(42,562)
Total Expenses	2,763,408	3,040,715	(277,307)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	1,024,998	1,024,998	0
Transfers to Funds	(140,000)	(140,000)	0
Net Transfers	884,998	884,998	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	208,902	(118,720)	327,622
UTILITY FUND			
Total			
Revenues	4,846,251	4,693,461	152,790
Total Expenditures	3,516,565	4,145,540	(628,975)
Net Excess	1,329,686	547,921	781,765
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(836,550)	(837,375)	825
Excess net of transfers	493,136	(289,454)	782,590
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total			
Revenues	733,564	816,196	(82,632)
Total Expenses	697,831	790,140	(92,309)
Net Excess	35,733	26,056	9,677
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	(58,009)	(55,981)	(2,028)
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	(22,276)	(29,925)	7,649

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

The Mayor offered the name of James Blair as the Police Chief. A motion to accept Mr. Blair as police chief was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor. Chief Blair thanked the Mayor and Council for choosing him and for giving him the opportunity. Sheriff Mark Hebert stated that he had worked with Chief Blair for the past 32 years and he and his department would continue to work hand in hand with the police department.

In the matter of the Lakeside sidewalk update, Mayor Grizzaffi stated that there were 36 manholes that had been identified and were put out for bid to repair them. He said 10 feet on each side of the manhole cover would have to be changed out in order to make them ADA compliant. Mr. Mike Loupe stated that the project would begin next week.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a supplemental funding resolution needed to be adopted to meet the criteria required by the State on the Wharf Grant, whereupon

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-17

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan city has submitted an application for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations require that the City certify that these activities for which CDBG funds are being requested are designed to alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community; which are of recent origin or which recently became urgent, and that the City is able to commit local funding in the total amount of \$354,048.00 (THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND AND FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS), for the activity on its own, and that no other funds are available. This amount includes a previous commitment of \$335,118.00 (THREE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS) as stated on Resolution R: 14-38.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Morgan City hereby certifies that the activities for which CDBG funds are being requested for the Morgan City – Ice and Cold Storage facility with Wharf Improvements project are designed to alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community; are of recent origin or which recently became urgent and that the City of Morgan City is able to commit local funding in the total amount of \$354,048.00 (THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS) for the activity on its own, and there are no other funds available. This amount includes a previous commitment of \$335,118.00 (THREE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS) as stated on Resolution R: 14-38.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Fontenot, Dufrene, Bias, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of May, 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 renewal of the LEPA Director and Alternate Director, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-18

BE IT RESOLVED, etc., that Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor, is hereby appointed to serve as Director on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA), and William Cefalu, Sr., Utilities Director, is hereby appointed to serve as Alternate Director.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Hymel, Dufrene, Fontenot, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of April, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Reverend Bias stated that he wanted to bring up the Lake End Park Ice contract that was tabled at the March council meeting, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R:15-19

WHEREAS, Virgil and Loretta Hatcher, d/b/a QD Rentals, LLC, has requested the possibility of furnishing Lake End Park with an ice making machine, and

WHEREAS, bids were received on April 23, 2015 with QD Rentals being the sole bidder; and

WHEREAS, an agreement between QD Rentals, LLC and the City of Morgan City is necessary, and matters such as insurance, rental, space needed, area in park where this business could be located, etc. must be determined,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that (1) it approves the concept of as submitted to the Council; (2) it hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into negotiations with QD Rentals, LLC; and (3) it hereby authorizes the Mayor, after negotiations are complete and agreed upon, to enter into the necessary agreement in carrying out the intent of this resolution.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of April, 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 bid tabulation for the Wharf. Brian Shaw with Moffatt & Nichol stated that the low bidder was Larry Doiron, Inc. in the amount of \$1.683 million and he recommended that the Council accept the bid. Mr. Dufrene stated that he wanted Mr. Shaw to stay on top of any change orders that would be made. Mr. Tamporello stated that the engineers needed to keep good tabs on the pile, composite decking and transportation costs so the City would not be change ordered to death. Mr. Fontenot asked what the time frame was for the project. Mr. Shaw stated that the time frame was three hundred days from the start date, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-20

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the bid of Larry Doiron, LLC of Morgan City for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, etc., for the Wharf Improvement project in the amount of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$1,683,000.00) being the least and most responsible bid received, be and the same is hereby accepted and awarded to Larry Doiron, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said Larry Doiron, LLC for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment for the Wharf Improvement project.

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.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Dufrene, Bias, Fontenot, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of April, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The next item on the agenda was the first reading of the One Way Street ordinance. No definitive action was necessary.

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

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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