

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
JUNE 23, 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, and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: Tim Hymel.

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Simmons, Lee Chapel A.M.E. Church.

Ethan Blanco, Boy Scout Troop 49, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

This month's Positive Image organization was Lee Chapel A.M.E. Church. Reverend Simmons thanked the City of Morgan City for recognizing the 125 years the church had been in existence. He thanked the Mayor and Reverend Bias for going to the anniversary service.

Ms. Darby Isham with the Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival submitted the request to hold the 80th annual festival (Copy on file). A motion to approve the requests was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

State Representative Sam Jones addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the legislative session than had just been completed. He stated that he and Senator Allain would do anything they could to help the city. He gave a brief update of what had taken place in the 2015 session.

Ms. Aimee Monin addressed the Council regarding the Breed Specific Legislation that was currently in place. She requested that the muzzle requirement be removed from the current law. She presented the Council with a petition signed by 260 people. Mr. Tamporello stated that they would look at the petition and come back next month with some changes to the ordinance. Councilman Dufrene stated that he would like to see complete addresses on the petition to make sure they resided in the City.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the City had been contacted by the State Office of Social Security about a proclamation in honor of the 80th anniversary of the Social Security Act, whereupon,

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law; and

WHEREAS, Social Security is a program under which workers earn coverage for retirement, survivors, and disability benefits; and

WHEREAS, Social Security also administers the Supplemental Security Income program, funded by general revenues and providing cash assistance to aged, blind, and disabled persons with very limited means; and

WHEREAS, Social Security is committed to providing choices for conducting business by offering online applications, and free my Social Security accounts which allow secure access to earnings records for workers and easy management of benefits for current recipients; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City recognizes the importance of Social Security benefits to its citizens and joins the Social Security Administration in celebrating its past and in building its future.

NOW THEREFORE DO I, Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor of Morgan City, hereby proclaim that on Friday, August 14, 2015 the great City of Morgan City joins the Nation in celebrating the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Morgan City to be affixed this 23rd day of June, 2015.

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

The minutes of the June 23, 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. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: June 23, 2015
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended May 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 May 31, 2015. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$370,554. Sales taxes in General Fund were under budget by 152,800, however, we received the annual LWCC dividend which was 336,000 over budget. Operating expenses are below budget by \$295,501. The net income, after transfers, of \$222,570 creates a favorable variance of \$666,055.

Utility Fund: Actual operating revenues are under budget by \$93,043, with operational expenses under budget by \$902,231. Energy and gas costs are \$547,376 under budget. There is nonoperating revenue of 345,915 which includes insurance proceeds of \$280,591. The net income, after transfers, of \$736,944 creates a favorable variance of \$1,208,081.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$165,043 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$174,891. The net loss, after transfers, of \$119,312 leaves a favorable variance of \$30,254.

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

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

GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	May 2015 ACTUAL	May 2015 BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	3,090,843	2,761,911	328,932
Recreation Fund	64,944	55,646	9,298
Library Fund	7,345	5,838	1,508
Auditorium Fund	55,001	47,990	7,011
Lake End Park Fund	311,817	288,013	23,805
Total Revenues	3,529,950	3,159,396	370,554
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	4,046,471	4,265,415	(218,944)
Recreation Fund	232,865	191,696	41,169

Library Fund	45,461	52,372	(6,911)
Auditorium Fund	189,757	223,034	(33,277)
Lake End Park Fund	271,156	348,694	(77,538)
Total Expenses	4,785,710	5,081,211	(295,501)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	1,728,330	1,728,330	0
Transfers to Funds	(250,000)	(250,000)	0
Net Transfers	1,478,330	1,478,330	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	<u>222,570</u>	<u>(443,485)</u>	<u>666,055</u>
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	7,818,867	7,911,910	(93,043)
Total Expenditures	6,032,005	6,934,235	(902,231)
Net Excess	1,786,862	977,675	809,187
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,049,918)	(1,448,813)	398,894
Excess net of transfers	<u>736,944</u>	<u>(471,137)</u>	<u>1,208,081</u>
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	1,174,796	1,339,839	(165,043)
Total Expenses	1,181,927	1,356,818	(174,891)
Net Excess	(7,131)	(16,979)	9,848
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	(112,181)	(132,587)	20,406
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	<u>(119,312)</u>	<u>(149,566)</u>	<u>30,254</u>

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

In the matter of the LEPA report, Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he had met with the Mayor of Plaquemine regarding their steam plant that was also going to be closed by LEPA. They both decided that a consultant should be hired to make sure that both cities would be protected. He stated that LEPA would return the plant back to the City in a useable condition. The new plant was scheduled to be online on October 13, 2015.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a Duplication of Benefits Policy resolution needed to be executed for the wharf project, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-24

WHEREAS, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act requires recipients of federal disaster recovery funding to make certain that no person, business concern or other entity will receive duplicate assistance; and

WHEREAS, a Duplication of Benefits Policy must be executed; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution R: 08-76, the City entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit to secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Mayor Frank P. Grizzaffi, III be authorized to execute the Duplication of Benefits Policy.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of June, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The first reading of the Solid Waste Definitions ordinance was opened. No definitive action necessary.

The first reading of the Discarded Items and Curbside Pickup ordinance was opened. No definitive action necessary.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the city had decided to continue in the garbage business a couple of years ago, but it was still not working. The sanitation department could not provide customers the services that they paid for. He stated that a proposal had been received from Progressive Waste to collect garbage in the city for the next six months for \$16.96 for residential cans and \$18.95 for small commercial units. By the time the contract ended, the Parish would have bid out garbage collection throughout the Parish. It was expected that the price would be cheaper if all the surrounding cities and the parish were involved. Mr. Tamporello stated that Progressive had given the city a competitive proposal and it remained in line with the current amount the city charges each customer. He stated that the city had done their best trying to continue in the garbage business but it had not worked. Mr. Dufrene said that he thought staying in the garbage business two years ago was the best option financially. Now, the city could not provide the service so he thought it was a good time to look at other options. Mr. Fontenot said that the Progressive proposal was reasonable. He said that the city was in a situation where they would lose money either way, but the city would lose less money if they privatized the garbage collection. Reverend Bias said that he was concerned about the employees losing their jobs. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that all drivers were offered jobs with Progressive Waste. Alex Trahan and Ernie Fabre, current sanitation department drivers, stated that they came to work for the city to retire with the city. They did not want to go to work for Progressive. They said that they had heard stories of the company over working their drivers. Public Works director Mike Loupe stated that the city could not continue to limp along in the Sanitation Department like it had been doing. He stated that with the recent retirement of the city mechanic for medical reasons, more strain had been put on the department. Mr. Bill Frye with Progressive Waste stated that he had been in the garbage business for 15 years and that Progressive was humbled to be given the opportunity to offer a proposal to the city. He said that garbage would be picked up in a timely manner. All phone complaints would go directly to the Progressive Waste call center so they could be addressed immediately, and the drivers who transferred over from the city would be well taken care of. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he needed council authorization to enter into a six month contract with Progressive Waste. A motion to allow Mayor Grizzaffi to enter into a contract was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Fontenot, 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