

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
MAY 25, 2021

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 Lee Dragna, Mayor; and Council Members Steve Domangue, Tim Hymel, Mark Stephens and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: Ron Bias

Also present were Mr. Charlie Solar, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Anthony Baham.

There was no Positive Image recipient for the month of May.

Ms. Hailee Thomas with the Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival submitted a request to use Lawrence Park for the 2021 festival along with requested street closures and alcohol permits (copy on file). A motion to approve the 86th annual Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival requests was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Courtney Long, Mrs. Danika Foley and Mrs. Ruby Maize submitted a request to hold the Juneteenth Bike Ride on June 19, 2021 (copy on file). They invited the Mayor, Councilmen, and the public to attend. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Stephens seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Dragna stated that a liquor license was needed for the Jul

The minutes of the April 27, 2021 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2021.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: May 25, 2021
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended April 30, 2021.

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 April 30, 2021. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues continue to be over budget by \$200,627. Majority of that is due to Sales taxes in General Fund being over budget by \$135,500. Operating expenses are below budget by \$159,800. The net loss, after transfers, of \$342,264 is a favorable variance of \$360,400 compared to the budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues remain under budget but only by \$174,300. The operational expenses are also under budget but only by \$273,200. The net loss, after transfers, of \$47,800 creates a favorable variance again this month of \$140,200.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are slightly over budget by \$18,540, with total operating expenses under budget by \$110,780. The net income, after transfers, of \$424,000 leaves another favorable variance of \$132,063.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Deborah Garber
Deborah Garber

CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
 Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended April 30 2021

	APRIL 2021	APRIL 2021	
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	2,019,730	1,830,078	189,652
Recreation Fund	27,274	31,816	(4,542)
Library Fund	4,603	4,843	(240)
Auditorium Fund	18,206	28,492	(10,286)
Lake End Park Fund	316,534	240,024	76,510
State Prisoner Fund	102,877	153,344	(50,467)
Total Revenues	2,489,224	2,288,597	200,627
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	3,321,178	3,353,330	(32,152)
Recreation Fund	91,355	159,064	(67,709)
Library Fund	23,957	36,777	(12,820)
Auditorium Fund	139,271	152,606	(13,335)
Lake End Park Fund	239,508	274,222	(34,714)
State Prisoner Fund	133,552	132,628	924
Total Expenses	3,948,821	4,108,627	(159,806)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	1,233,333	1,233,333	0
Transfers to Funds	(116,000)	(116,000)	0
Net Transfers	1,117,333	1,117,333	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(342,264)	(702,697)	360,433
UTILITY FUND			
Total			
Revenues	6,354,871	6,529,181	(174,310)
Total Expenditures	5,313,711	5,586,953	(273,242)
Net			
Excess	1,041,160	942,228	98,932
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,088,966)	(1,130,231)	41,265
Excess net of transfers	(47,806)	(188,003)	140,197
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total			
Revenues	967,487	948,945	18,542
Total			
Expenses	908,697	1,019,486	(110,789)
Net			
Excess	58,790	(70,541)	129,331
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	365,232	362,500	2,732
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	424,022	291,959	132,063

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

The next matter on the agenda was the Steam Plant Demolition bid tabulation. Mayor Dragna stated there were six proposals received. He suggested that the council

approve the top three proposals. The city would make sure that the highest bidder would get the job, provided that all bonding and insurance requirements were met. If they could not meet the requirements, he would go to the second highest, and then the third; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-19

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City submitted a Request for Proposals for the Municipal Steam Plant Demolition Project; and

WHEREAS, six proposals were received.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of Morgan City, that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with the company that provided the highest proposal, contingent upon them meeting all requirements of the RFP including all bonds required, and with the approval of the City Attorney for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for the Municipal Steam Plant Demolition Project, Morgan City, Louisiana. Should the highest bidder not be able to comply with all requirements of the Requests for Proposal, the Mayor is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with the company that provided the second highest proposal, contingent upon them meeting all requirements of the RFP including all bonds required. Should the second highest bidder not be able to comply with all requirements of the Requests for Proposal, the Mayor is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with the company that provided the third highest proposal, contingent upon them meeting all requirements of the RFP including all bonds required.

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. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Stephens, Hymel, Domangue, Tamporello
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of May, 2021.

Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the David Drive right of way. Mayor Dragna stated that Hellenic had approached the City and suggested that this be completed; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-20

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City is in need of a dedicated easement for electrical and drainage services on the property located at Section 12, T16-R12 with a legal description of "Lot BD Amarad Inc-DGE Canal – FJ Distefeno – David Dr less sale 21J176129 ACQ 32A 225392, City of Morgan City", hereinafter referred to as "site", and commonly referred to as 1030 David Drive; and,

WHEREAS, servitude is needed to provide electrical and drainage lines on, over, through, and across certain property owned by Hellenic, Inc.,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute a servitude agreement between the City and Hellenic, Inc. in order to provide the needed electrical and drainage services.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Domangue, Hymel, Stephens
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bias

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of May, 2021.

Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that a grant was going to be submitted in order to finish the signage in neighborhoods along the bike trail; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-21

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City wishes to submit a grant application to the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development, 2021 Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Competitive Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this grant would allow for signage to complete the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area neighborhood revitalization program connecting neighborhoods to biking of the heritage area.

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 and submit the 2021 Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Competitive Grant Program.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Domangue, Stephens, Hymel, Tamporello
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bias

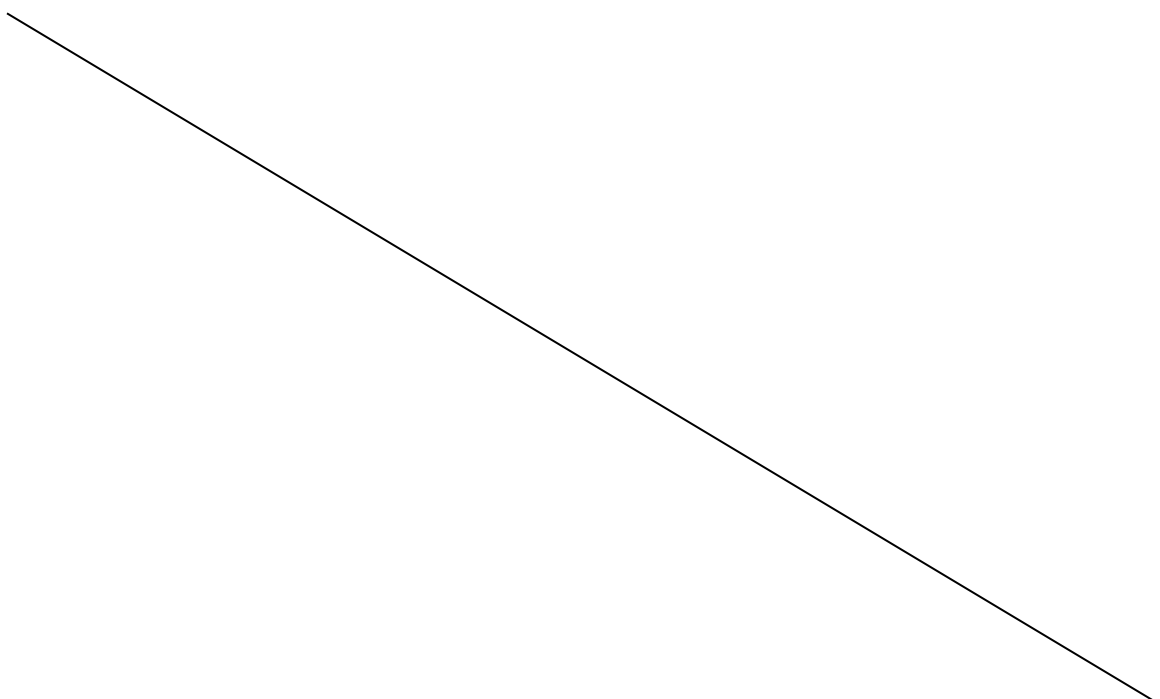
The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of May, 2021.

Lee Dragna
Mayor

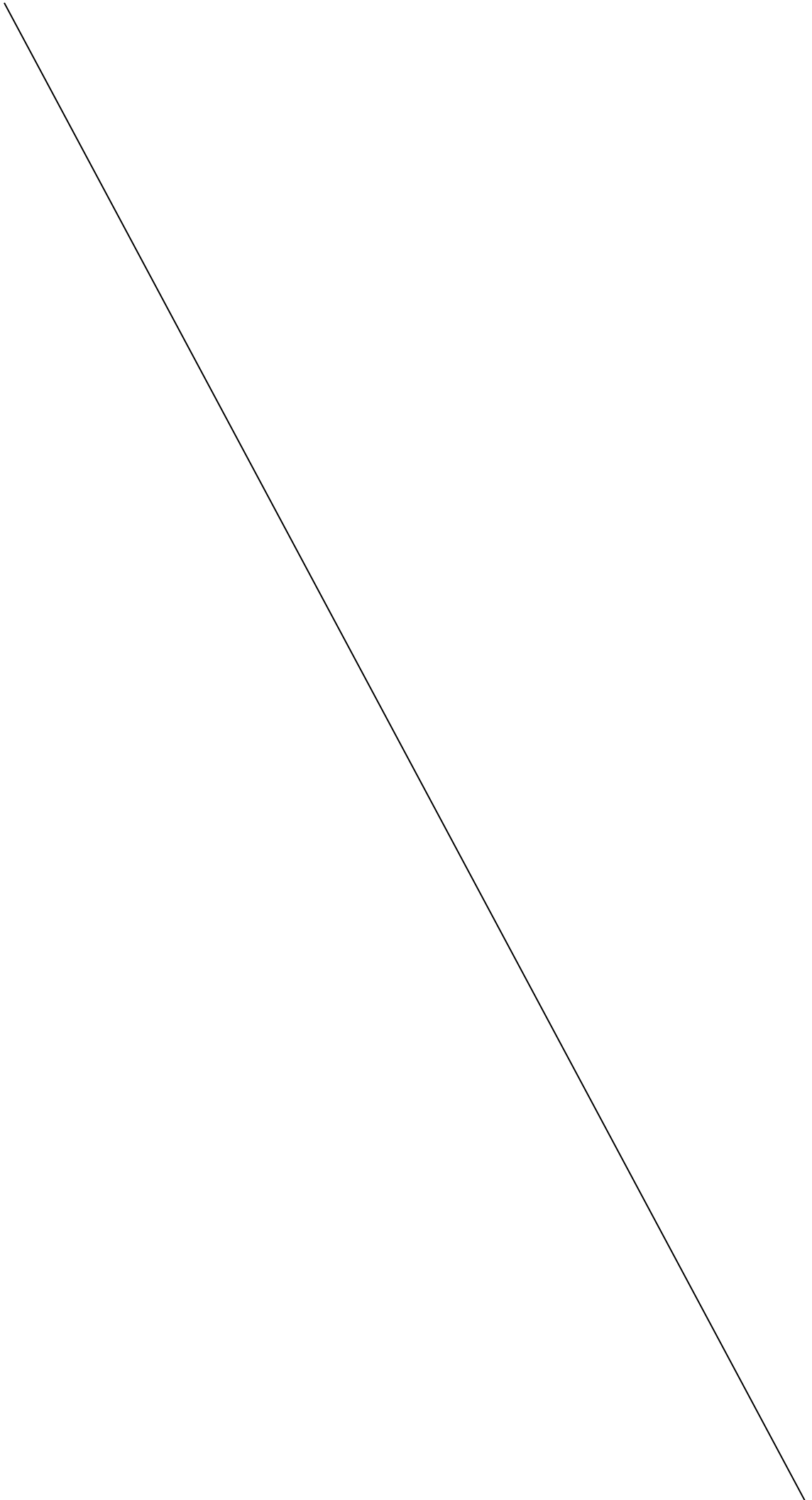
ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The public hearing was opened on the 2021 Millage Ordinance. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,



The public hearing opened on the declaration as surplus and sale of the property adjacent to 1811 Front Street. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,



Mayor Dragna offered the name of Michelle Broussard for appointment to the Archives Committee and Sara Danos as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustments. He also offered the names of Elizabeth Bennett, Rhonda Dennis, Sarah Herrera, Julia Johnson and Amber May as members of the Convention, Tourism and Culture Commission. On the Historic District, he offered the names of Michelle Broussard and Rhonda Dennis. He offered the name of Leslie Smith for appointment to the Library Committee, Kelly Marcantel to the Main Street Committee, Christy Deshotel, Larry "Duane" Hartman, Don Hicks, Victoria Rodrigue and Andros Williams for appointment to the Recreation & Parks Commission. He offered the names of Elizabeth Bennett, Darlene Castay and Andros Williams for appointment to the Economic Development Board and the names of Darlene Castay, Larry "Duane" Hartman and Andros Williams for appointment to the Morgan City Land Development Board. A motion to concur in the appointments was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Stephens and voted unanimously in favor.

A request for the 2020-2021 Class A and Class B Beer License renewals for the following establishments was submitted:

2021-2022 CLASS A & CLASS B BEER LICENSE RENEWAL

AJ'S Second St Pub	1400 Second St
Atchafalaya Café LLC	7310 Hwy 182E
Bay City Bistro	608 Front St
Bingos	7503 Highway 182
Bourbon's	501 First St.
Buckets Blowout Lounge	117 Railroad Ave
Café JoJo's	624 Front Street
Cajun Country Lounge	1226 Victor II Blvd
Cannata's Food World	Corner 7 th & Brashear Avenue
Circle K #4640-DC 36	7700 Highway 90
Circle K Store #2706821	6383 Highway 90
Clarion Inn	520 Roderick Street
Comfort Inn & Suites	610 MLK Blvd
CVS Drug Store	6502 Highway 182
Daiquiri's & Company	7550 Highway 90
Dollar General Store #1974	818 Brashear Ave
Duke Lounge	7722 Hwy 182E
East Gate BBQ	7516 Hwy 182E
Fifth Street Store	701 Everett Street
Friend's Tavern	6701 Highway 182-Ste B
G & J Land And Marine	506 Front St.
Galley LLC	7409 Hwy 182
Ganaway's #1	1409 Federal Avenue
Hampton Inn & Suite	6365 Hwy 182 E
Just 4 Him Morgan City	1115 Nine St.
La Morita Meat Market LLC	1230 Victor II Blvd
Links Café	1118 Victor II Blvd
Ma Ma G's	7540 Highway 90
Mel-Star, Inc.	620 ½ Milk Blvd.
Morgan City Municipal Auditorium	Highway 90
One Stop	7028 Highway 182E
Paradise Valley Casino	1116 Victor II Blvd
Paradise Valley Daiquiris	1114 Victor II Blvd
Petroleum Club of Morgan City	500 Roderick Street
Pool Do's Sports Bar	615 Brashear Ave
Quick General Mini Market	2407 Sixth Street
Rose's Café	209 Union Street
Rouse's Supermarket #10	6403 Highway 90
Smoke-N-Go #15	7521 Highway 182E
Sports Bar	7419 Highway 182
Stazione II	6602 Highway 90
Susie's Seafood	6701 Hwy 182-Ste A
Table Five	702 Fifth St.
Tampico Restaurant, Inc.	Inglewood Mall
The Chocolate Factory	319 Second Street
Timmy T's LLC.	6815 Highway 90
VFW Post #4222	1504 Sandra Street
Victor II Deli	1220 Victor II Blvd

Walgreen #10975
WalMart #7099

815 Brashear Ave
1002 Hwy 70

Everything being in order, a motion to approve these renewals was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

The Class "A" Liquor and Beer application for Yui Sushi, Inc. d/b/a Sushiro Steak House. was the next matter on the agenda. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Stephens seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Lee Dragna
Mayor