

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
MAY 27, 2014

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 Barry Dufrene, James Fontenot, Tim Hymel, and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: Ron Bias

Also present were Mr. Marcus Folse, Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Gregory Aucoin, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Terry Bunner.

The positive image group for the month of May was the 9 & 10 year old Biddy Basketball All Star Team.

Mr. Woodrow Parker addressed the Council regarding his upcoming Aqua Safety First Community Program. He requested that the City donate two thousand dollars and the use of the camper pavilion at Lake End Park. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the request had not yet been brought before the Lake End Park Committee or the Recreation & Parks Commission. Mr. Tamporello stated that nothing had been budgeted for the year for the program and suggested that Mr. Parker come back to the city during the budgeting process with a more detailed budget of the event.

Mrs. Tina Stratton with the V.F.W. Post 4222 requested permission to use the area under the U.S. 90 Bridge to hold the Ladies Auxiliary Car and Craft Show on October 18, 2014 from 9AM to 5PM. A motion to allow the use for the car show was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Lauren Hebert addressed the council representing the Main Street Committee and the area businesses and residents. She stated that they were in opposition of the Pool Hall being located in the Main Street area. She said they did not think it was in the best interest of the area to have that type of business in the area. The Main Street Committee was working hard to clean up the area and did not feel that would be a suitable location for the business. She said she would not open up a business next to a bar because it would not be a safe environment for her employees. Mr. Tamporello stated that the building in question had been vacant for a couple of years. He asked Mrs. Hebert if she felt that Café Jojo's with the bar inside or Rhythms on the River dissuaded businesses from opening in the area. She said that a restaurant was a different. Mr. Dufrene stated that he had the same feelings as Mrs. Hebert until he spoke with the business owner, Mr. Roussel. If the owner did not fulfill what he had planned to do with the business, the liquor license would be revoked.

Mr. Roussel stated that he shared the vision of the Main Street Committee. He stated that the people that played pool were serious and not going just to drink. He said he had owned both a bar and a nightclub in the past, and was not looking to get into that kind of business again. Mr. Jerry Potter stated that he was a retired school teacher who currently ran a pool league. He said that the business would bring in people from out of town. He stated that there were doctors and lawyers that played in his league and he would never bring a tournament to a ratty place to play. It would have to be kept upscale in order for them to participate in tournaments there. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that there was at least thirty days before the permit came up so there would be plenty of time to look into the issue before a decision had to be made.

Mr. Audie Taquino addressed the council regarding his commercial garbage dumpster. He stated he had been through several companies and none of them had fulfilled their contracts. He stated that they make ruts in his yard and breaking up the cement. He said they were damaging our roads as well as private property. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the permit to operate in the City could be taken away. Mr. Tamporello suggested that Mayor Grizzaffi send out a letter to all of the companies in the area notifying them if they do not fulfill their contracts, the permits would be pulled.

The minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2014.

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**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**DATE:** May 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 April 30, 2014.

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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, 2014. The following comments are related thereto:

**General and Ancillary Funds:** Actual total revenues are over budget by \$209,977. The sales taxes in the General Fund are \$105,000 over budget. Operating expenses are below budget by \$302,586. The net income, after transfers, of \$308,251 creates a favorable variance of \$512,563.

**Utility Fund:** Actual revenues are over budget by \$1,047,371, with operational expenses also over budget by \$674,436. This is due to the energy and gas costs being \$968,097 over budget making the electric and gas revenue over budget as well. The net income, after transfers, of \$127,927 creates a favorable variance of \$373,165.

**Sanitation and Sewer Fund:** The operating revenues are \$249,545(\$244,000 sewer) over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$94,105. Operating revenues are considerably over budget because the budget does not include the increase in sewer revenues as a result of the increase in rates. The budget was adopted prior to the adoption of the increase in sewer rates. If we had based the sewer revenue budget upon the new rates, sewer revenue would be approximately \$9,030 under budget instead of \$244,000 over budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$448,543 leaves a favorable variance of \$343,664.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT  
 Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget  
 Period Ended April 30, 2014

<b>GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS</b>	<b>April 2014 ACTUAL</b>	<b>April 2014 BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
General Fund	2,369,951	2,187,038	182,913
Recreation Fund	56,447	44,617	11,830
Library Fund	3,976	4,072	(96)
Auditorium Fund	51,764	37,567	14,197
Lake End Park Fund	205,368	204,237	1,131
Total Revenues	2,687,506	2,477,529	209,977
<b>EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL</b>			
General Fund	2,991,931	3,191,345	(199,414)
Recreation Fund	154,806	174,325	(19,519)
Library Fund	38,832	51,543	(12,711)
Auditorium Fund	140,647	168,212	(27,565)
Lake End Park Fund	229,703	273,081	(43,378)
Total Expenses	3,555,919	3,858,505	(302,586)
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfers from Funds	1,418,664	1,418,664	0

Transfers to Funds	(242,000)	(242,000)	0
Net Transfers	1,176,664	1,176,664	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	308,251	(204,312)	512,563

**UTILITY FUND**

Total Revenues	7,184,001	6,136,630	1,047,371
Total Expenditures	5,974,994	5,300,558	674,436
Net Excess	1,209,007	836,071	372,935
Net Transfers and non-oper. Excess net of transfers	(1,081,080)	(1,081,309)	230
	127,927	(245,238)	373,165

**SANITATION AND SEWER FUND**

Total Revenues	932,667	683,122	249,545
Total Expenses	883,638	977,743	(94,105)
Net Excess	49,029	(294,621)	343,650
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	399,514	399,500	14
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	448,543	104,879	343,664

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

Mr. Tamporello stated that the finance committee had met, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-18

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the following Finance Committee recommendations be and the same are hereby approved:

1. Approve purchase of a Bobcat Excavator for \$52,191.30 to be disbursed as follows:  
\$13,047.83 from General Fund  
\$13,047.83 from Sanitation Capital Additions & Contingency  
\$26,095.64 from Water, Gas Capital Additions & Contingency

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington

Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Secretary of State required that the City choose an official journal each year, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-19

WHEREAS, L.R.S. 43:171 provides that political subdivisions of the state shall select an official journal for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> and ending June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, and

WHEREAS, the Daily Review is the only newspaper within the City which conforms to the regulations governing official journals, and

WHEREAS, the price quoted by the Daily Review is within the limits allowed by law,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the Daily Review be and the same is hereby appointed as the official journal of the City of Morgan City and its proposal to publish legal publications of the City at a cost of \$3.00 per column inch is hereby accepted.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Fontenot, Hymel, Dufrene, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bias

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mr. Tim Matte addressed the council regarding the proposed cooperative endeavor agreement with St. Mary Levee District. He stated the intention of the agreement was to transfer the acts of assurances that the City had signed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the St. Mary Levee District. The District would be the non-federal sponsor throughout St. Mary Parish. He said the St. Mary Parish Council and the Town of Berwick were also bringing up this agreement at their next regular meeting. The city would open and close the gates and perform repairs and grass cutting and the Levee District would compensate the City for the work completed. Mr. Matte said the council needed to authorize the Mayor to sign the final agreement.

Mr. Patrick Cloutier asked if this agreement included the proposed rule makings that the Levee District had not yet promulgated, like permits to place an object to pour a driveway on a piece of property that is within 300 feet of a levee or seawall. He said the document said that businesses that cross over levees would have to have a permit to drive

an oversized load over the levee. Mr. Matte stated that the rules Mr. Cloutier was referring to were already in existence. He said the St. Mary Levee District wanted to put all the rules and regulations into one document so the public could better understand it; whereupon

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-20

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City and the St. Mary Levee District mutually share the objective of continuously achieving favorable National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Levee Evaluation Reports (LSERs) to evidence appropriate flood protection and proper Digital Flood Insurance Map (DFIRM) zoning; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of entering into an intergovernmental agreement to allow the St. Mary Levee District to assume the responsibility and obligations of the local non-federal sponsor for the federal MR&T project, to insure continued mutual cooperation, to apportion duties, obligations and rights, to maximize hurricane protection, to minimize riverine flooding, to centralize and organize flood control and maintenance efforts, to improve public safety, to improve regulatory compliance, and to best communicate with other state and federal agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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 and empowered to execute an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Morgan City and the St. Mary Levee District after the Council reviews the final draft.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

The public hearing for the 2014 Millage Rates was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance, whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on April 22, 2014. Published by title on April 25, 2014.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 14-05

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAX TO BE ASSESSED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, in regular session convened:

SECTION 1

That the tax roll of the City of Morgan City as prepared by the St. Mary Parish Assessor, showing the assessed value of all property subject to taxation within the said City, on said roll, to amount to the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE and no/100 DOLLARS (\$118,205,463) to be and the same is hereby ratified and approved by this body.

SECTION 2

That for the purpose of meeting the ordinary, municipal expenses of said City for the year 2014 there is hereby levied upon all property within said City, subject to taxation, an ad valorem tax of FOURTEEN AND SEVENTY-EIGHT ONE HUNDREDTHS (14.78) mills on the dollar, upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE and no/100 DOLLARS (\$118,205,463).

SECTION 3

That for the purpose of paying the interest due on the first day of September, 2014, and the first day of March and September, 2015, upon the bonds issued by the City of Morgan City, for the auditorium dated March 1, 2000 (refunded March 1, 2013), there is hereby levied a tax of ONE AND TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (1.25) mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE and no/100 DOLLARS (\$118,205,463).

SECTION 4

That for the purpose of paying the maintenance and other such expenses of the Municipal Auditorium for the year 2014, there is hereby levied a tax of TWO (2.0) mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE and no/100 DOLLARS (\$118,205,463).

SECTION 5

That the City Tax Collector of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of said City, according to law; that the taxes herein levied shall be a permanent lien and privilege on all of the property subject to taxation as herein set forth; and the collection hereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict hereby be and the same are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, the public welfare so demanding.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

Delivered to Mayor Grizzaffi at 9:30 AM, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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

Received from Mayor Grizzaffi at 10:00 AM on May 28, 2014.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: May 30, 2014

A request for the 2014-2015 Class A and Class B Beer License renewals for the following establishments was submitted:

**2014-2015 CLASS A & CLASS B BEER LICENSE RENEWAL**

AJS Second St Pub	1400 Second St.
Atchafalaya Café LLC	7310 Hwy 182E
Bingo's	7503 Highway 182
Blowout Lounge	117 Railroad Avenue
Café JoJo's	624 Front Street
Cajun Country Lounge	1226 Victor II Blvd
Cannata's Food World	Corner 7 <sup>th</sup> & Brashear Avenue
Castalano Sausage & Deli	1023 Sixth St
Catfish Corner	601 Railroad Avenue
Circle K #4640-DC 36	7700 Highway 90
Cracker Barrel Store #52	6383 Highway 90
Craws & Claws	1601 Hwy 182
CVS Drug Store	6502 Highway 182
Daiquiri's & Company	7550 Highway 90
Duke Lounge	7722 Highway 90
East Gate BBQ LLC	7516 Highway 182
EL Toro Mexican Grill	7027 Highway 182 E
Family Food Mart, Inc.	701 Everett Street
Friend's Tavern	6701 Highway 182-Ste B
Ganaway's #1	1409 Federal Avenue
Hampton Inn & Suite	6365 Hwy 182 E
Henry's of Morgan City, La., Inc.	319 Second street
Holiday Inn Lounge Morgan City	520 Roderick Street
Johnny Food Mart	2100 Federal Avenue
Kim's Food Mart & Gifts	1315A Federal Avenue
La Morita Meat Market LLC	1230 Victor II Blvd
Latin Corner LLC	201 Railroad Ave
La Negra Bar LLC	6013 Hwy 182E
Links Café	1118 Victor II Blvd
Ma Ma G's	7540 Highway 90
Mel-Star, Inc.	620 ½ Milk Blvd.
Mersha	7028 Hwy 182 E
Morgan City Municipal Auditorium	Highway 90
Lewa Garden Buffet Inc	605 Milk Blvd
Paradise Valley Casino	1116 Victor II Blvd.
Paradise Valley Daiquiris	1114 Victor II Blvd.
Parrie's Louisiana Grill	615 Brashear Ave
Petroleum Club of Morgan City	500 Roderick Street
Quick General Mini Market	2407 Sixth Street
Randy's Food Store	413 Railroad Ave
The Rathskeller	7222 Highway 90
Rite-Aid #7283	1223 Victor II Blvd.
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 Boiling Pot	701 Freret Street
Table Five Lounge	702 Fifth Street
Tampico Restaurant, Inc.	Inglewood Mall
The Drink House	501 First Street
Timmy T's LLC.	6815 Highway 90
VFW Post #4222	1504 Sandra Street
Victor II Deli	1220 Victor II Blvd
Walgreen #10975	815 Brashear Ave

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

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the name of Mr. Neal Mayon for reappointment to the Archives Committee, Mr. Floyd Cloutier for reappointment to the Main Street Committee,

Mrs. Diane Martin and Mr. Frank Judycki for reappointment to the Planning & Zoning Committee, Alicia Lewis and Charles Maize for reappointment to the Recreation and Parks Commission, and Mr. Charlie Solar, Jr. and Mr. Leo Grizzaffi, Sr. for reappointment to the Wharf Committee. He offered the name of Mr. Alfred Arceneaux for appointment to the Wharf Committee. A motion to concur in the appointment and reappointments was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Fontenot and voted unanimously in favor.

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

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

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