

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
MARCH 25, 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 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. Gregory Aucoin, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Steven Kelly, Bayou Vista Baptist Church.

Mayor Grizzaffi read his Annual Administrative Report to the Council (copy on file).

Noel Birriel with Relay for Life of East St. Mary Parish addressed the Council regarding the event and requested that the Council lift the noise ordinance on April 12 – 13, 2014. A motion to allow Relay for Life event to take place at the Municipal Auditorium and to lift the noise ordinance was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Don Tellman addressed the Council regarding the Bayou BBQ Bash. He asked permission to use the covered area under the bridge and to close Greenwood Street at Second Street to Arkansas and Second and Third Streets under the bridge on July 19, 2014. He stated that there would be approximately sixty teams in the competition this year. A motion to concur in his request was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Reverend Bias and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Merlin Boudreaux addressed the council regarding garbage and trash pickup. He stated that city crews had come out to pick up trash on the curb and left terrible rut marks in his yard. He stated that he had spoken with Mayor Grizzaffi and Marc Folse and they were going to repair the ruts, but he felt that the City needed a more stable sanitation department. He said that he also had a problem with the one call marking system. He stated that the Water, Sewer & Gas Departments came out and assisted him with their markings, but Mr. Bill Cefalu with the Electric Department told him that it was not his responsibility to mark the lines from his house to the pole. Mr. Tamporello stated that the City was having a hard time hiring CDL drivers for the trucks. Mr. Hymel stated that the Council wanted the a successful Sanitation Department.

Mr. Gerard Bourgeois and Mr. Mac Wade with the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District addressed the Council regarding their Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Wade stated that Senator Bret Allain had secured a 7 million dollar grant with a 2.3 million dollar match that would be put up by the Port to build the center. Mr. Bourgeois stated the District was looking at the property adjacent to the Municipal Auditorium. The City owned seventy five feet of the property and the owner of the adjacent property had agreed to sell his property to the district as well. They stated that they sent City Attorney Greg Aucoin a copy of an ordinance that would allow the City to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District.

A motion to expand the agenda to discuss the introduction of an ordinance which would allow the City to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Dufrene and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Bourgeois stated that the ordinance allowed for the transfer of the City owned property on Highway 182 to the Port of Morgan City for either the fair market value or at least commence with work. He stated that the Municipal Auditorium had always been used as an emergency operations center during times of emergencies and he felt that the location would be mutually beneficial. The project would include some additional parking at the Auditorium and would be a good thing for the City and the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District.

The approval of a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, including the transfer of property, ordinance was introduced. No definitive action was necessary.

The minutes of the February 25, 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. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, advised that they were still in training on the new software and that the last module was scheduled to go live in mid-May. Mrs. Garber submitted the following financial statement for the period ending February 28, 2014.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: March 25, 2014
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended February 28, 2014.

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 February 28, 2014. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$136,305. The sales taxes in the General Fund are \$88,000 over budget as well as the occupational licenses by \$34,500 and building permits by \$12,700. Operating expenses are below budget by \$196,170. The net income, after transfers, of \$237,120 creates a favorable variance of \$332,475.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are over budget by \$770,598, with operational expenses also over budget by \$383,761. This is due to the energy and gas costs being \$617,985 over budget making the electric and gas revenue over budget as well. The net income, after transfers, of \$282,205 creates a favorable variance of \$387,459.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$138,074(\$136,000 sewer) over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$84,640. 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 only be approximately \$18,000 over budget instead of \$136,000. The net income, after transfers, of \$314,469 leaves a favorable variance of \$222,714.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended February 28, 2014

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Excess

839,499
452,663
386,836

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(557,91
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477,451
339,377
138,074

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404,232
488,872
(84,640
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Excess

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

Mr. Dufrene stated that the Finance Committee met to discuss two items, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-12

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. Amend Library budget to accept donation from H & B Young Foundation.

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 25th day of March, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-13

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:

2. Allocate \$12,362.78 from Recreation fund balance to purchase ballpark bleachers and benches.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of March, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that there were some garbage trucks that had been robbed for parts and were of no use to the City anymore, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-14

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the item shown below are hereby declared surplus and no longer needed:

1. Unit 705 – 2008 – Condor – VIN # 5SXAANDC98RZ62008. Rapid Rail
2. Unit 710 – 1999 Volvo – VIN # 4VMDCMHE5XN778361. Rapid Rail
3. Unit 711 – 2001 Volvo – VIN # 4V2DC6HE01N326216. Rapid Rail

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that said items be sold either by auction or by receiving bids.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Fontenot, Dufrene, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of March, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The public hearing for the Change Zoning Designation of 6214 Highway 182 and 1015 Everett Street ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance, whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with first reading on February 25, 2014. Published by title on February 28, 2014.

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF PARCEL#3224361017.00, KNOWN AS 6214 HIGHWAY 182, PARCEL #3224361203.00, KNOWN AS 1015 EVERETT STREET, AND PARCEL#3224361016.00, KNOWN AS 1015 EVERETT STREET FROM "R-4" (RESIDENTIAL) TO "C" (COMMERCIAL) AS LISTED IN SECTION 126-47 OF THE SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, CODE OF ORDINANCES.

SECTION ONE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, the following described property is rezoned from "R-4" (Residential) to "C" (Commercial), and afforded all uses permitted in "C" (Commercial) district as listed in Section 126-7 of the Schedule of District Regulations of the City of Morgan City, Code of Ordinances.

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situated in the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, described as Lot tract "ABCA" per plat 12Z 120225 being a portion of Square 44 of Ditch Annex known as Parcel #3224361017.0 and also known as 6214 Highway 182.

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF PACEL OF LAND situated in the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, described as triangular lot BD east by Highway 90, south by Everett Street, west by Norman Athletic Park , situated in Section 2 T16S R12E being a portion of square 44 Ditch Annex known as Parcel #3224361203.00 and also known as 1015 Everett Street.

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF PACEL OF LAND situated in the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, described as triangular lot BD east by Highway 90, south by

Everett Street, west by Norman Athletic Park , situated in Section 11 T16S R12E being a portion of square 44 Ditch Annex known as Parcel #3224361016.00 and also known as 1015 Everett Street.

SECTION 2

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected hereby. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage within the time prescribed by law.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 25th day of March, 2014.

Delivered to Mayor at 10:am, this 26th day of March, 2014.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 26th day of March, 2014.

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

Received from Mayor at 10:05 am on March 26, 2014

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: March 31, 2014

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Reverend Bias, 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