

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
March 24, 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 were Mr. Marcus Folse, Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Ronnie Cuvillier.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that there was a request letter from Bishop Jerry Hebert requesting use of the Lawrence Park tennis courts to hold his annual free tennis clinic. A motion to allow Bishop Hebert use of the tennis courts on July 6, 8, 13 and 15, 2015 from 8 AM to 9 AM was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

Woodrow Parker with the Aqua Safety First Community Program requested use of Lake End Park on May 2, 2015 to hold his event. A motion to approve the use of Lake End Park for the event pending Lake End Park Committee and Recreation and Parks Commission approval was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Don Tellman and Ms. Donna Meyer submitted a request to hold the 4th annual Bayou BBQ Bash under the bridge on July 24-25, 2015 (copy on file). A motion to approve the request as stated in the correspondence was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Mr. Fontenot and voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Jennifer Edwards and Ms. Kasey Bross with the South Louisiana Jeep Association requested use of Lawrence Park to hold their Jeepers for the Creatures event to raise money for the Animal Advocates of St. Mary Parish on September 26, 2015 from 11 AM to 4PM. The jeeps would be parked on the outer perimeter of the park, a DJ would be located in the gazebo, craft booths would be set up and there would be activities for children. A motion to allow the use of Lawrence Park, pending approval of the Recreation and Parks Commission, for the Jeepers for the Creatures event was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Pat Cloutier addressed the Council requesting an update on the Drainage Board State investigation. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he had consulted the City attorney who told him it was a Drainage Board issue and all questions should be directed to the Drainage Board or their attorney. He asked if there was an update on the FEMA non-compliant properties in Morgan City. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the property next door to Mr. Cloutier was still under review by FEMA. Mr. Cloutier asked if the street sewer work don't on the property cattycorner to Lawrence Park was going to fall under the old permit rates or the new permit rates that were recently adopted. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the date that the project was started would determine the permit rates. Mr. Cloutier asked the Mayor if the city was billing for mosquito spraying on private property. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a presence was maintained throughout the City, and if needed, the City did go on private property to spray. Mr. Cloutier questioned if the City had formulated a garbage truck management plan or if contracting garbage was the only idea. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the City was leaning towards contracting a garbage service in order to provide the citizens with the type of service they desired. Mr. Cloutier asked why the City had just purchased \$23,000 in lawn mowers if there was now a private sector cutting the City grass. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that there were five independent contractors that worked between all major medians in the city and the grave yard. He stated that there were currently three full time grass cutters employed by the City who cut the ballparks and other areas throughout the City.

Reverend Bias asked Mayor Grizzaffi if the Industrial Road had been completed. Mr. Michael Loupe stated that the reflectors needed to be placed on the barricades and then the project would be complete.

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

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending February 28, 2015.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: March 24, 2015
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, 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 February 28, 2015. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are under budget by \$10,978. Sales taxes in General Fund were under budget by 72,560. Operating expenses are below budget by \$215,613. The net income, after transfers, of \$197,909 creates a favorable variance of \$204,635.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are over budget by \$135,060, with operational expenses under budget by \$439,230. Energy and gas costs are \$235,000 under budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$392,463 creates a favorable variance of \$575,017.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$60,089 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$66,418. The net income, after transfers, of \$574 leaves a favorable variance of \$1,991.

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

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

| | JANUARY 2015 ACTUAL | JANUARY 2015 BUDGET | VARIANCE |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS | | | |
| REVENUES | | | |
| General Fund | 1,245,047 | 1,312,411 | (67,364) |
| Recreation Fund | 22,412 | 15,858 | 6,554 |
| Library Fund | 2,807 | 2,335 | 472 |
| Auditorium Fund | 30,544 | 19,196 | 11,348 |
| Lake End Park Fund | 105,297 | 67,285 | 38,012 |
| Total Revenues | 1,406,107 | 1,417,086 | (10,978) |
| EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL | | | |
| General Fund | 1,559,451 | 1,711,929 | (152,478) |
| Recreation Fund | 60,492 | 73,157 | (12,665) |
| Library Fund | 18,244 | 20,949 | (2,705) |
| Auditorium Fund | 69,379 | 89,214 | (19,835) |
| Lake End Park Fund | 103,964 | 131,894 | (27,930) |
| Total Expenses | 1,811,530 | 2,027,143 | (215,613) |
| TRANSFERS | | | |
| Transfers from Funds | 688,332 | 688,332 | 0 |
| Transfers to Funds | (85,000) | (85,000) | 0 |
| Net Transfers | 603,332 | 603,332 | 0 |

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| EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS | 197,909 | (6,726) | 204,635 |
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UTILITY FUND

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|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total | | | |
| Revenues | 3,326,154 | 3,191,094 | 135,060 |
| Total Expenditures | 2,376,168 | 2,815,398 | (439,230) |
| Net Excess | 949,986 | 375,696 | 574,290 |
| Net Transfers and non-oper. | (557,523) | (558,250) | 727 |
| Excess net of transfers | 392,463 | (182,554) | 575,017 |

SANITATION AND SEWER FUND

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| Total | | | |
| Revenues | 491,861 | 551,950 | (60,089) |
| Total Expenses | 460,343 | 526,760 | (66,418) |
| Net Excess | 31,518 | 25,189 | 6,329 |
| Net Transfers/non-operating expenses | (30,944) | (26,606) | (4,338) |
| Excess net of transfers and non-operating | 574 | (1,417) | 1,991 |

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

Ms. Shelley Leblanc with Paul’s Agency addressed the Council regarding the Health Insurance renewal. She stated that due to the Affordable Care Act the Louisiana Department of Insurance issued a standard commission on all groups based on the number of participants. The new fee would now be 3%, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-11

WHEREAS, the Health Plan Management Consultant/Servicing Agent Agreement with the firm of Paul’s Agency, to provide services to assist in administering the City’s health insurance plan expires April 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of continuing this service with Paul’s Agency under the same terms and conditions at a fee of 3% of the total premium per month for the period to end April 30, 2016,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that it hereby approves the contract between the City of Morgan City and Paul’s Agency, to act as the servicing agent for the City of Morgan City’s health insurance plan at a fee of 3% of the total premium per month and that the Mayor be authorized to execute any documents necessary in connection with this project.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Fontenot, Bias, Dufrene, Hymel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of

March, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mrs. Leblanc stated that there was going to be a rate increase from \$355.26 to \$415.77 per month with the option that the Insurance Committee had selected, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-12

WHEREAS, the City's health insurance policy will expire April 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the City's present carrier, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana, has proposed to continue its service with a 17% increase in premiums.

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 to execute the contract between the City and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of March, 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 surplus vehicle resolution, whereupon, Reverend Bias offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-13

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. 1977 Ford F-750 Electric Department

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| 2. | 1980 Ford F-600 | Electric Department |
| 3. | 2002 Dodge Ram | Electric Department |
| 4. | 1998 Chevy Pickup | Electric Department |
| 5. | 2002 Ford Crown Victoria | Police Department |
| 6. | 2001 Ford Crown Victoria | Police Department |
| 7. | 1999 Ford Taurus | Police Department |
| 8. | 1995 GMC Van | Public Works |
| 9. | 1999 Pelican Sweeper | Public Works |
| 10. | 2002 Ford Pickup | Public Works |
| 11. | 2002 Dodge Ram | Public Works |
| 12. | 1994 Chevy Pickup | Public Works |
| 13. | 1995 Chevy Pickup | Public Works |
| 14. | 1999 GMC Pickup | Public Works |
| 15. | 1999 GMC Pickup | Public Works |
| 16. | 1994 Chevy Pickup | Recreation Department |
| 17. | 1995 Chevy Pickup | Recreation Department |
| 18. | 1986 Mack | Sanitation Department |
| 19. | 1- Stump Grinder | |
| 20. | 1- 16' Utility Trailer | |
| 21. | 3- Snapper Lawn Mowers | |
| 22. | 1- Jowler Lawn Mower | |
| 23. | 1- Alamo Trail Blazer | |

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

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 24th day of March, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
 Debbie Harrington
 Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the LA 70 drainage project was a Capital Outlay project and that a resolution authorizing his signature was needed, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-14

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City was awarded a Capital Outlay appropriation from the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning & Control, for the purpose of LA Highway 70 Drainage Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Facility Planning & Control requires the City to designate a signing authority.

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 as signing authority for the City of Morgan City.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Fontenot, Bias, Dufrene, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of March, 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 Federal and Bowman Street lift station. Mr. Oscar Boudreaux stated that the low bidder was Larry Doiron of Morgan City, and he recommended awarding the bid to Larry Doiron, Inc., whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-15

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 Federal and Bowman Lift Station Upgrade in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$352,470.00) 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 Federal and Bowman Lift Station Upgrade.

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. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Dufrene, Bias, Fontenot, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of March, 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 agreement for the ice machine service at Lake End Park. Mr. Virgil Hatcher stated that the machine would make 120 bags a day and would be located near the office. Mr. Dufrene asked if the service should be put out for bid. Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney, stated that the project should be put out for bid and the motion should be tabled. A motion to table the ice machine service contract was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayo Grizzaffi stated that a resolution declaring the month of April Fair Housing needed to be passed each year, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-16

WHEREAS, the strength of our nation flows from the promise of individual equality and freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, the forty seventh Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month April, is an occasion of all Americans, individually and collectively, to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination, whenever it exists. This law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freedom of choice-selection of the home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana; and implementation of that law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the month of April, 2015 be proclaimed as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In Morgan City, Louisiana and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of Morgan City to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

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 24th day of March, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The public hearing for the adoption of the 2015 Millage Rates was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance, whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on February 24, 2015. Published by title on March 2, 2015

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-05

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAX TO BE ASSESSED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

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 NINETEEN MILLION, TWENTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE and no/100 DOLLARS (\$119,020,875) 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 2015 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 NINETEEN MILLION, TWENTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE and no/100 DOLLARS (\$119,020,875).

SECTION 3

That for the purpose of paying the interest due on the first day of September, 2015, and the first day of March and September, 2016, 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 ONE TENTH (1.1) mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN MILLION, TWENTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE and no/100 DOLLARS (\$119,020,875).

SECTION 4

That for the purpose of paying the maintenance and other such expenses of the Municipal Auditorium for the year 2015, there is hereby levied a tax of TWO (2.0) mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN MILLION, TWENTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE and no/100 DOLLARS (\$119,020,875).

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.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot, Hymel

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 24th day of March, 2015.

Delivered to Mayor Grizzaffi at 11:30 AM, this 26th day of March, 2015.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 27th day of March, 2015.

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

Received from Mayor Grizzaffi at 9:30 AM on March 27, 2015.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: April 1, 2015

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

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on February 24, 2015. Published by title on March 2, 2015.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance Number 13-11 dated November 19, 2013, the City Council adopted the operating budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014, and

WHEREAS, during the year certain amendments were deemed necessary,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that revenues for 2014 be amended to \$38,534,804 and the expenditures be amended to \$36,180,611 leaving a net excess of \$2,354,193.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that said net excess in the amount of \$2,354,193 be applied to the fund balance of \$24,699,391, leaving a fund balance of \$27,053,584 for the fiscal year ended 2014.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 24th day of March, 2015.

Delivered to Mayor Grizzaffi at 11:30 am, this 26th day of March, 2015.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Approved this 27th day of March, 2015.

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

Received from Mayor Grizzaffi at 9:30 am on March 27, 2015.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Published: April 1, 2015

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