

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
JULY 22, 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. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Revered Tommy Fromenthal.

Mr. Anthony Thibodaux addressed the council regarding his candidacy for District Judge, Division A. He asked that everyone go out and vote in the election on November 4.

Mr. Bo Duhe addressed the council and announced his candidacy for District Attorney, 16th Judicial Branch.

Mr. Pat Cloutier addressed the council regarding the Wharf Committee recommendations. He stated that he did not understand the urgency of the committee when they had not had a meeting in over a year. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Moffatt & Nichols had designed the wharf that the city could afford. He stated that the current wharf was fifty years old and a huge liability. Mr. Cloutier said he was just trying to generate interest in the project so that the public would show up at the meetings. He stated that the he felt it should be built higher than seven feet.

The minutes of the June 24, 2014 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: July 22, 2014
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended June 30, 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 June 30, 2014. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$660,093. The sales taxes in the General Fund are \$129,000 over budget. Operating expenses are below budget by \$427,750. The net income, after transfers, of \$70,484 creates a favorable variance of \$1,087,843.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are over budget by \$1,196,729, with operational expenses also over budget by \$1,050,471. Again, this is largely due to the energy and gas costs being \$1,330,188 over budget making the electric and gas revenue over budget as well. The net loss, after transfers, of \$246,129 creates a favorable variance of \$146,553.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$352,254(\$350,000 sewer) over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$6,778. If we had based the sewer revenue budget upon the new rates, sewer revenue would be approximately \$57,800 under budget instead of \$350,000 over budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$222,998 leaves a favorable variance of \$358,936.

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

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

	June 2014 ACTUAL	June 2014 BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			
REVENUES			
General Fund	3,621,635	2,985,835	635,800
Recreation Fund	96,358	87,325	9,033
Library Fund	7,738	7,608	131
Auditorium Fund	62,786	56,350	6,436
Lake End Park Fund	345,989	337,296	8,693
Total Revenues	4,134,506	3,474,413	660,093
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	4,932,889	5,250,200	(317,311)
Recreation Fund	283,614	308,315	(24,701)
Library Fund	73,775	77,315	(3,540)
Auditorium Fund	220,423	251,818	(31,395)
Lake End Park Fund	348,317	399,121	(50,804)
Total Expenses	5,859,018	6,286,768	(427,750)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	2,136,996	2,136,996	0
Transfers to Funds	(342,000)	(342,000)	0
Net Transfers	1,794,996	1,794,996	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	70,484	(1,017,359)	1,087,843
UTILITY FUND			
Total			
Revenues	11,063,902	9,867,173	1,196,729
Total Expenditures	9,574,917	8,524,446	1,050,471
Net Excess	1,488,985	1,342,727	146,258
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,735,114)	(1,735,409)	295
Excess net of transfers	(246,129)	(392,682)	146,553
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total			
Revenues	1,408,073	1,055,819	352,254
Total Expenses	1,499,774	1,506,552	(6,778)
Net Excess	(91,701)	(450,732)	359,031
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	314,699	314,794	(95)
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	222,998	(135,938)	358,936

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

Mr. Gerald Thibodeaux with Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co. gave the annual audit report for the City for the year ending December 31, 2013 (copy on file). A motion to

accept the audit report was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

In the matter of the surplus sale report, Mr. Marc Folse stated that the sale brought in \$1,010 for the Sanitation Department.

The next matter on the agenda was the Condemnation Report of the properties located at 1812 Dale Street and 113 Third Street. Mr. Anthony Governale handed out pictures of the property located at 113 Third Street (copy on file). He stated it was in the process of being demolished and was ninety nine percent complete. He stated that on the 1821 Dale Street property, two bids for demolition had been received. In the meantime, the property had been sold to a person who intended to fix the property up. He stated that work would begin on the house as early as next Monday.

Mr. Murphy Arcemont gave an update of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. He stated that the proposed project was to renovate the head works which were the front part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The drawings had been completed and submitted to the state for the approval of the Department of Health and Hospitals. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the estimate was around \$500,000.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he was asking for authorization to proceed with the project and get it ready to be bid out, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-27

WHEREAS, by Resolution R: 13-37 dated May 28, 2013, Moffatt & Nichol was authorized to prepare a study for Wharf project; and

WHEREAS, this study was complete and the projects needs to proceed to the design stage and be put out for bid; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Wharf Committee recommended the approval of Moffatt & Nichol to proceed to design and bid the replacement of the wharf.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Moffatt & Nichol, is hereby authorized to prepare the final design drawings, schedules and documents necessary for bidding, provide assistance during bidding, review bids and make recommendations on project award.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd of July, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needed to be signed with the City of New Orleans Mosquito Control, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-28

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City has implemented a Mosquito Abatement plan;
and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans has agreed to provide mosquito spraying, equipment and/or technical assistance to the City of Morgan City in the event that the City has equipment failure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Mayor Grizzaffi be, and that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute the agreement between the City and the City of New Orleans.

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 22nd day of July, 2014.

/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 Local Government Assistance Program Signature, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-29

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City submitted to the Louisiana Division of Administration, an application for Local Government Assistance Program funding for main water line valve replacement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City was awarded a grant in the sum of \$25,000.00 by the State of Louisiana Division of Administration, Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) to replace valves in the main water line.

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 Agreement between the City and the State of Louisiana pertaining to the 2013 - 2014 Local Government Assistance Program.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of July, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that LEPA was requesting an easement to run the gas lines for the new building; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-30

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA) has requested a blanket easement for the construction of the Morgan City Power Plant located at 1333 Youngs Road.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute a blanket easement between the City of Morgan City and the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority for the construction of the new power plant located at 1333 Youngs Road.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of July, 2014.

/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 Lake End Park Cabin bid tabulation, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-31

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the bid of Legacy Construction Services of Rossville, Tennessee, for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, etc., for the Phase II, Lake Cabin and Boat Dock Expansion in the amount of NINE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$907,330.00) being the least and most responsible bid received, be and the same is hereby accepted and awarded to Legacy Construction Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said Legacy Construction Services for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment for the Phase, Lake Cabin and Boat Dock Expansion, Morgan City, Louisiana.

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. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of July, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the name of Mr. Anthony Governale to serve on the Main Street Committee. A motion to concur in the appointment was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

The application for a Class "A" Liquor & Beer permit (copy on file) for Bhavinkumus Maheshbhai Patel d/b/a Bobby's Bar and Grill, 7418 Highway 182 East, was submitted. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Fontenot seconded by Mr. Hymel 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