

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
July 28, 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, Higher Ground Baptist Church.

Mr. Louis Pittman introduced himself to the Mayor and Council and announced his candidacy for 16th Judicial District Judge, Division D.

Mrs. Jessica Dupre with St. Mary Outreach addressed the Council regarding the use of the Petting Zoo for the annual Pick a Pumpkin event from Monday October 19, 2015 to Saturday, October 24, 2015 (copy on file). A motion to allow the event was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Ed Perot with the American Legion Freedom Riders Post 96 addressed the Council requesting permission to hold the second annual Freedom Fest from Saturday, May 28, 2016 to Sunday May 29, 2016 at Lake End Parkway (copy on file). A motion to allow the use of Lake End Parkway for the second annual Freedom Fest was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Dufrene and voted unanimously in favor.

James Blair with the Doric Lodge #205 requested the use of Lawrence Park on Thursday, October 1, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. to hold the annual National Night Out Against Crime (copy on file). A motion to allow the use of Lawrence Park for the National Night Out Against Crime was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Kassi Keller with Brittany's Project requested use of Lake End Park on Saturday October 10, 2015 beginning at 9:00 am to hold a Color Run (copy on file). There was some discussion on what route the run would take, and Mrs. Keller was advised to meet with the Police Department to ensure that the safest route would be taken. A motion to allow the use of Lake End Park for the Color Run was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

The minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting were submitted. Mr. Dufrene stated that the correct title for Bret Allain should read Senator and not Representative. A motion to approve the minutes with that correction was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2015.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: July 28, 2015
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, 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 June 30, 2015. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$507,754. Sales taxes in General Fund were under budget by \$211,000, however, we received the annual LWCC dividend which was \$336,000 over budget. Operating expenses are below budget by \$240,763. The net loss, after transfers, of \$424,817 creates a favorable variance of \$748,517.

Utility Fund: Actual operating revenues are under budget by \$412,979, with operational Expenditures under budget by \$1,006,686. Energy and gas costs are \$701,730 under budget. There is non-operating revenue of \$346,622 which includes insurance proceeds of \$280,591. The net income, after transfers, of \$319,244 creates a favorable variance of \$993,267.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$20,905 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$49,208. The net loss, after transfers, of \$206,259 leaves a favorable variance of \$48,691.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended June 30, 2015

	June 2015 ACTUAL	June 2015 BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			
REVENUES			
General Fund	3,246,032	2,750,531	495,501
Recreation Fund	105,060	109,035	(3,975)
Library Fund	8,683	12,005	(3,322)
Auditorium Fund	60,117	57,588	2,530
Lake End Park Fund	375,762	358,742	17,020
Total Revenues	<u>3,795,654</u>	<u>3,287,901</u>	507,754
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	5,039,691	5,230,723	(191,032)
Recreation Fund	320,723	260,340	60,383
Library Fund	62,166	62,847	(681)
Auditorium Fund	233,109	267,641	(34,532)
Lake End Park Fund	339,778	414,680	(74,902)
Total Expenses	<u>5,995,467</u>	<u>6,236,230</u>	(240,763)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	2,124,996	2,124,996	0
Transfers to Funds	(350,000)	(350,000)	0
Net Transfers	<u>1,774,996</u>	<u>1,774,996</u>	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	<u>(424,817)</u>	<u>(1,173,334)</u>	748,517
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	9,509,834	9,922,813	(412,979)
Total Expenditures	7,862,212	8,868,898	(1,006,686)
Net Excess	1,647,622	1,053,915	593,707
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,328,378)	(1,727,938)	399,560
Excess net of transfers	<u>319,244</u>	<u>(674,023)</u>	993,267
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	1,408,075	1,428,980	(20,905)

Total Expenses	1,572,760	1,621,968	(49,208)
Net Excess	(164,685)	(192,988)	28,303
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	(41,574)	(61,962)	20,388
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	(206,259)	(254,950)	48,691

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

The next matter on the agenda was the Finance Committee recommendations, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-25

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. Allocate up to \$69,000 from Pollution Abatement to purchase a new backhoe for Water, Sewer and Gas Department.
2. Allocate \$13,000 from General Fund fund balance to Lake End Parkway to replace PTO on John Deere Tractor.
3. Allocate up to \$20,000 from General Fund fund balance to Lake End Park to rebuild catch basin.
4. Allocate up to \$25,000 from General Fund fund balance to Lake End Park to purchase a new pump.

Mr. Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mr. Gerald Thibodeaux with Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co. gave the annual audit report for the City for the year ending December 31, 2014 (copy on file). A motion to accept the audit report was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the surplus auction report. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a sale had been held and \$1,195 dollars was raised (copy on file).

In the matter of the garbage collection contract, Mayor Grizzaffi recommended that the Council review the proposals from Progressive Waste and Pelican Waste. He stated that the Parish had entered into a contract with Pelican Waste. Mr. Roddy Matherne with Pelican Waste stated that his company was the lowest bidder for the Parish and they would like the opportunity to provide the City with its garbage pickup. Mr. Dufrene asked about putting in a liquidated damages clause. Mr. Matherne said he did not mind adding a liquidated damages clause to the contract. Mr. Tamporello stated that the Council would take time and look at both proposals before making a decision.

Mr. Rob McClellon with Progressive stated that his company was currently servicing the City with its garbage pickup and they would like to continue to do so. He stated that the former City sanitation employees that came to work for Progressive were happy with the company and the benefits that they offered. Mr. Jay Gunter said he was the man on the ground and has been and would continue to be in contact with the City daily to make sure that all of the problems were addressed. Mr. Keith Paul spoke on behalf of all of the drivers that had moved from the City to employment with Progressive Waste. He stated that they were very satisfied with the equipment and the benefits that were being offered to them by Progressive. He stated that they would like the Council to consider their jobs when making a decision and that they felt that Progressive was the right choice for the City. Mr. Dufrene asked why the Parish did not extend their current contract with Progressive. Mr. McClellon stated that they had let the fleet get to a point of not providing a superior product, and that he was ashamed to admit that he had let that happen. Mr. Tamporello wanted to know about other cities and parishes that were currently being serviced by Progressive. Mr. Rob stated that he was currently servicing both Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes. Mr. Tamporello asked if both companies would be able to handle events such as the Shrimp & Petroleum Festival. Mr. McClellon said that they currently took care of Mardi Gras parades and events in other places with no problem. Mr. Matherne stated that his company would do whatever it took to get the garbage picked up.

The Solid Waste ordinance was introduced. This was a first reading and no definitive action was necessary.

The application for a Class "B" Package Liquor and Beer permit (copy on file) for Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC d/b/a Wal-Mart #7099, was submitted. A motion to approve the application was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

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