

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
March 22, 2016

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 Reverend Steven Kelly.

Dr. Scott Sicard with Porch Fest said there had been a great interest in the event and he would like to make some changes to the event. He asked the council to expand the schedule for the music and to add a 5K to the event. A motion to allow the Porch Fest to take place from 8 AM to 9 PM, and to add a 5K and fun run to the event was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Clarence Robinson with the Morgan City Housing Authority presented the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) payment to the city. He stated the Housing Authority was in the process of getting the Joe Ruffin housing subdivision back on site. This would add 29 units and there was a waiting list that had been started for the new units.

The minutes of the February 23, 2016 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 February 29, 2016.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: March 22, 2016
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended February 29, 2016.

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 29, 2016. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$181,000 due to Occupational licenses being over the projected amount by \$160,000. Sales taxes in General Fund were under budget by \$17,500. Operating expenses continue to be below budget by \$55,000. The net loss, after transfers, of \$27,800 creates a favorable variance of \$236,300.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues remain under budget by \$119,400, with gas revenues alone being 258,600 under budget. Operational expenses are also under budget by \$257,500. Energy and gas costs are \$50,300 under budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$323,700 creates a favorable variance of \$138,300.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$15,400 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$99,600. The net income, after transfers, of \$191,400 leaves a favorable variance of \$115,000.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended February 29, 2016

GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	February 2016 ACTUAL	February 2016 BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	1,128,933	955,929	173,004
Recreation Fund	9,783	8,954	829
Library Fund	2,516	2,418	98
Auditorium Fund	22,525	20,878	1,647
Lake End Park Fund	94,176	88,498	5,678
Total Revenues	<u>1,257,933</u>	<u>1,076,677</u>	181,256
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	1,643,527	1,649,400	(5,873)
Recreation Fund	54,842	67,405	(12,563)
Library Fund	17,806	22,051	(4,245)
Auditorium Fund	89,079	99,539	(10,460)
Lake End Park Fund	113,785	135,694	(21,909)
Total Expenses	<u>1,919,039</u>	<u>1,974,089</u>	(55,050)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	633,333	633,333	0
Transfers to Funds	0	0	0
Net Transfers	<u>633,333</u>	<u>633,333</u>	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	<u>(27,773)</u>	<u>(264,079)</u>	236,306
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	2,824,471	2,943,857	(119,386)
Total Expenditures	1,942,646	2,200,159	(257,513)
Net Excess	<u>881,825</u>	<u>743,698</u>	138,127
Net Transfers and non-oper.	<u>(558,087)</u>	<u>(558,275)</u>	188
Excess net of transfers	<u>323,738</u>	<u>185,423</u>	138,315
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	453,478	438,113	15,365
Total Expenses	453,291	552,951	(99,660)
Net Excess	187	(114,838)	115,024
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	<u>191,175</u>	<u>191,250</u>	(75)
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	<u>191,362</u>	<u>76,412</u>	114,949

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

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the 48th anniversary of Fair Housing Month was in April, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-09

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

WHEREAS, the 48th 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, 2016 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.

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 March, 2016.

/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 Truck Route ordinance. This was a first reading. No definitive action necessary.

The public hearing was opened for the City Prosecutor ordinance. No one appeared for or against said ordinance, whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on February 23, 2016. Published by title on February 26, 2016.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 16-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF CITY PROSECUTOR AND THE RELATED DUTIES.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Morgan City be amended by adding thereto, Section 2-76 providing for the position of the City Prosecutor and the related duties, said section to read as follows:

Section 2-76 - City Prosecutor

Section (A)

The city prosecutor shall be selected by the mayor and approved by the council. The city prosecutor shall possess the minimum qualifications and follows:

1. Be qualified to practice law in the State of Louisiana;
2. Be willing to provide the necessary requisite hours for the prosecution of all crimes as committed within the City of Morgan City and the Sixth ward for the Parish of St. Mary and tried in the city court for the city of Morgan City.

Section (B)

The city prosecutor shall be responsible for:

1. The review, investigation and prosecution of all criminal charges as filed within the City of Morgan City or the Sixth Ward of the Parish of St. Mary;
2. Act as a special assistant for the District Attorney for the Parish of St. Mary to handle all adult and juvenile and other matters in the city court of Morgan City;

Section (C)

The city prosecutor shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor.

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.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 22nd day of March, 2016.

Delivered to Mayor Grizzaffi at 2:00pm, this 24th day of March, 2016.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Approved this 24th day of March, 2016.

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

Received from Mayor at 2:15 pm on March 24, 2016.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Published: March 31, 2016

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the names of Mr. Dean Listi, Jr. and Mrs. Mandy Price for appointment to the Main Street Board. A motion to concur in these appointments was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Dufrene and voted unanimously in favor.

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

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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