

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
MARCH 27, 2018

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, Ray Autrey, Tim Hymel, Mark Stephens 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 Pastor Ron Bias.

There was no Positive Image recipient for the month of March.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Bishop Jerry Hebert had submitted a request to hold his free tennis lessons in Lawrence Park June 4 through June 13 from 8 AM to 10 AM. A motion to concur in his request was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

Parish President David Hanagriff and Frank Fink presented the Industrial Tax Exemption Program to the Council. Mr Fink stated that historically, the ITEP was given to all manufacturers and was approved at the State level. The new format was made by an executive order from the Governor and would provide up to a 100 percent exemption for five years and an 80 percent exemption for up to three years. Currently it had been approved by the St Mary Parish Council and the Town of Berwick. The Town of Patterson had made a verbal commitment. In order for the program to work, it would need to be a unanimous decision between all communities in the Parish. It could be implemented by a resolution of the Council but could easily be changed by a resolution as well. Parish President Hanagriff stated that Mr. Fink would be available to answer any questions the councilmen may have. He asked that it be adopted at the April Council meeting.

Clarence Robinson with the Morgan City Housing Authority presented the PILOT payment to the Mayor and Council. He thanked the City for all of their cooperation.

The minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending February 28, 2018.

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**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**DATE:** March 27, 2018  
**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, 2018.

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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, 2018. The following comments are related thereto:

**General and Ancillary Funds:** Actual total revenues are currently over budget by \$52,400. Sales taxes in General Fund remains under budget by \$52,000. Operating expenses are below budget by \$43,800. The net loss, after transfers, of \$289,800 is a favorable variance of \$96,300 compared to the budget.

**Utility Fund:** Actual revenues are over budget by \$650,500, with operational expenses also over budget by \$291,000. Energy and gas costs are \$438,000 over budget. The net loss, after transfers, of \$20,000 creates a favorable variance of \$359,900.

**Sanitation and Sewer Fund:** The operating revenues are \$28,800 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$18,400. The net income, after transfers, of \$199,800 leaves another favorable variance of \$47,200.

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

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT**  
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget  
Period Ended February 28, 2018

<b>GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
General Fund	991,496	943,574	47,922
Recreation			
Fund	17,453	10,510	6,943
Library Fund	2,741	2,350	391
Auditorium			
Fund	16,132	17,155	(1,023)
Lake End Park Fund	92,730	94,546	(1,816)
Total Revenues	1,120,552	1,068,135	52,417
<b>EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL</b>			
General Fund	1,681,416	1,696,704	(15,288)
Recreation			
Fund	48,491	61,389	(12,898)
Library Fund	23,642	24,283	(641)
Auditorium			
Fund	80,011	80,988	(977)
Lake End Park Fund	135,127	149,190	(14,063)
Total Expenses	1,968,687	2,012,554	(43,867)
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfers from Funds	588,333	588,333	0
Transfers to Funds	(30,000)	(30,000)	0
Net Transfers	558,333	558,333	0
<b>EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS</b>	<b>(289,802)</b>	<b>(386,086)</b>	<b>96,284</b>
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>			
Total Revenues	3,759,836	3,109,301	650,535
Total Expenditures	3,222,498	2,931,356	291,142
Net Excess	537,338	177,945	359,393
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(557,401)	(557,993)	592
Excess net of transfers	(20,063)	(380,048)	359,985
<b>SANITATION AND SEWER FUND</b>			
Total Revenues	460,310	431,482	28,828
Total Expenses	506,727	525,140	(18,413)
Net Excess	(46,417)	(93,658)	47,241
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	246,223	246,200	23
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	199,806	152,542	47,264

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

In the matter of the LEPA report, Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the contractor and LEPA had reached a 2-million-dollar settlement. He said the main priority now would be to get the plant operating efficiently and full time. Mr. Pat Cloutier asked about the current rates compared to others in our area. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Entergy was currently at \$101, SLECA at \$89 and Morgan City and Houma were at \$93, so Morgan City was currently in the middle as far as pricing.

In the matter of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project Bid Tabulation, Mr. Gary Ragusa with Aqua Metric stated that the bid was for the automated meter system for the entire city. Currently Marquis Manor was using the automated meter system with no issues. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the H & B Young Foundation had donated money to the program and Mr. Ragusa had contacted a company called Government Capital to look at financing. They ended up with a \$200,000 per year payment but were trying to cut that down to the \$150,000 range. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the goal was to eventually have the entire City on automated meters. He stated it was probably more feasible to have the City employees install the electric and water meters. Using this automated system would not only eliminate meter reading, but it would also save on the almost 1,000 meter rechecks that were performed each month. Kawika Kaai, supervisor of the water, sewer and gas departments, stated that he was a little concerned using contractors for the installation. He had heard horror stories and had witnessed some trouble during the 2009 meter changeouts. Mayor Grizzaffi recommended that the Council approve the Lakeside portion of the project at the current time, whereupon

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 18-04

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the bid of AquaMetric Sales Company of Covington, Louisiana for furnishing all materials, equipment, etc., for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) - Lakeside Subdivision project in the amount of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHTY DOLLARS AND FIFTY EIGHT CENTS (\$324,728.58) being the least and most responsible bid received, be and the same is hereby accepted and awarded to AquaMetric Sales Company of Covington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said AquaMetric Sales Company for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for furnishing all materials, and equipment for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project, 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.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Bias, Autrey, Hymel, Stephens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of

March, 2018.

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Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

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

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Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

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Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor