

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
APRIL 22, 2025

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 Lee Dragna, Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Eriq Blanchard, Steve Domangue, Tim Hymel, and Bonnie Leonard.

Absent: None

Also present were Mr. Charlie Solar, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Tracey Smith, First Baptist Church

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

Mayor Dragna said Jean Paul Bourg had called and said he would not be attending the meeting.

Mrs. Steisha Brown was the next guest on the agenda. She was not present. Mayor Dragna said he thought that her grass situation had been taken care of.

The next matter on the agenda was a proclamation. Mayor Dragna said that Mrs. Domengeaux was not present and the Proclamation would be taken up at the May meeting.

St. Mary Parish Councilman Dean Adams asked for the support of the Mayor, Council, and all residents in the upcoming Drainage District 2A Operating and Maintenance Tax renewal. He said that District 2 A was Amelia and Morgan City, but funds were not commingled. Early voting was going on this week and the election was on May 3.

Mr. Brooks Rentrop requested permission to hold the 1st annual Pit vs. Pot Cook-Off on August 9, 2025, from 11 AM to 6 PM under the US 90 Bridge. He requested that Arkansas and Alabama Streets under the bridge be closed to allow pedestrian traffic. He said setup would begin at 6 AM. The event was open to the public and tickets would be \$20 per person. He wanted permission to sell alcohol, but was planning to get with one of the local establishments to have them sell it. Mayor Dragna said that he would need to get with the Police Department for security and would need port-o-lets. The city would help him with electricity, water, and trash bins. Pastor Bias asked if judges were needed, and Mr. Rentrop said he would take any help with the judging. A motion to allow the Pit vs. Pot Cookoff was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Bryce Merrill said that the Annual Diver's Rally was scheduled for this weekend in Morgan City. There would be a reception on Friday, April 25, 2025, at the Clarion Inn and the unveiling of the wall would take place on Saturday at 10 AM, followed by the reception at Lake End Park. He invited the Mayor and Councilman to attend.

Mayor Dragna said that at the recent New Generations meeting at Morgan City High School, one suggestion of the students was that the City build pickleball courts. He said that they had identified that a suitable place for the courts would be next to the Jimmy Johnson Basketball Court under the new bridge. He said that they currently only had one bid in the amount of \$88,896 to complete two courts. That price would be for everything, including nets. He said more bids would be received before a decision was made on the courts. He said the H & B Young Foundation also said that they would like to participate in the pickleball court project. He would update the Council as the proposed project progressed. It was also mentioned that some cornhole boards made of cement could be placed in the area as well.

The minutes of the March 25, 2025 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by , and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2025.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: April 22, 2025
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended March 31, 2025.

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 March 31, 2025. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual revenues remain under budget by \$111,434. Operating expenses are also under budget by \$164,696. The net loss of \$1,261,374 is still a favorable variance of \$53,262 as compared to the adopted budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues in this fund are also under budget by \$358,214 while the operational expenses are now over budget by \$168,533. The net income, after transfers, of \$783,704 creates another unfavorable variance this month compared to the budget of \$496,959.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are slightly over budget by \$10,895, with total operating expenses under budget by \$58,649. The net income, after transfers, of \$140,011 leaves a favorable variance of \$81,803.

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

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
 Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended March 31, 2025**

	MARCH 2025 ACTUAL	MARCH 2025 BUDGET	VARIANCE	MARCH 2024 ACTUAL
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS				
REVENUES				
General Fund	1,815,457	1,902,960	(87,503)	1,882,815
Recreation Fund	34,728	24,114	10,614	29,792
Library Fund	1,019	750	269	4,079
Auditorium Fund	21,799	22,239	(440)	29,892
Lake End Park Fund	249,025	266,112	(17,087)	271,272
Cemetery Fund	16,828	50,062	(33,234)	69,857
State Prisoner Fund	52,218	36,271	15,947	35,022
Total Revenues	2,191,074	2,302,508	(111,434)	2,322,729
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL				
General Fund	2,868,256	2,925,971	(57,715)	2,761,654
Recreation Fund	115,052	154,036	(38,984)	107,605
Library Fund	27,471	39,433	(11,962)	21,668
Auditorium Fund	121,473	126,024	(4,551)	108,641
Lake End Park Fund	189,403	269,264	(79,861)	299,836
Cemetery Fund	74,103	44,216	29,887	51,976
State Prisoner Fund	136,690	138,200	(1,510)	166,710
Total Expenses	3,532,448	3,697,144	(164,696)	3,518,090
TRANSFERS				
Transfers from Funds	80,000	80,000	0	170,000
Transfers to Funds	0	0	0	-
Net Transfers	80,000	80,000	0	170,000

Excess(deficiency) net of transfers	(1,261,374)	(1,314,636)	53,262	(1,025,361)
UTILITY FUND				
Total Revenues	5,571,881	5,930,095	(358,214)	5,597,605
Total Expenditures	4,888,085	4,719,552	168,533	4,478,862
Net Excess	683,796	1,210,543	(526,747)	1,118,743
Net Transfers and non-oper.	99,908	70,120	29,788	(16,367)
Excess net of transfers	783,704	1,280,663	(496,959)	1,102,376
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND				
Total Revenues	860,980	850,085	10,895	845,200
Total Expenses	992,184	1,050,833	(58,649)	956,385
Net Excess	(131,204)	(200,748)	69,544	(111,185)
Net Transfers/non- operating expenses	271,215	258,956	12,259	314,354
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	140,011	58,208	81,803	203,169

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the surplus equipment, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 25-27

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:

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| 1. 2004 GMC 1500 Pickup VIN #1GTEC14X54Z340532 | Police Department |
| 2. 2005 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71W85X144878 | Police Department |
| 3. 2006 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71W86X137253 | Police Department |
| 4. 2008 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71V88X178783 | Police Department |
| 5. 2009 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAHP71V29X133493 | Police Department |
| 6. 2002 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71WX2X157708 | Police Department |
| 7. 2003 Ford Ranger VIN #1FTYR15E93TA35576 | Public Works |
| 8. John Deer Gator, 6 Wheel 6 X 4 | Public Works |
| 9. 2000 Chevy C8500 Bucket Truck VIN #1GBT7H4C7YJ518726 | Electric Department |

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

Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Blanchard, Bias, Domangue, Leonard
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of April, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
 Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
 Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Dragna said that the H & B Young Foundation had built a new facility to house the Morgan City Youth Center and it would be opening in May. He said that a new Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needed to be signed; whereupon,

Pastor Bias offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 25-28

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, is a municipal corporation of the State of Louisiana, ("CITY") represented herein by Lee Dragna, its duly authorized Mayor; and

WHEREAS, THE H & B YOUNG FOUNDATION, ("YOUNG FUND") is a Louisiana non-profit corporation represented herein by Brenda Ayo, its duly authorized President; and

WHEREAS, the CITY and the YOUNG FUND wish to provide a safe and wholesome environment for students ages 7-11 residing in Morgan City to spend time after school through the mutual efforts of the CITY and the YOUNG FUND, and

WHEREAS, the CITY has a Juvenile Services Division that will provide supervision, staffing, and operation of the Morgan City Youth Center; and

WHEREAS the YOUNG FUND has a facility located at 3205 Youngs Road to house the Morgan City Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, the CITY and the YOUNG have agreed that the CITY Juvenile Services Division will provide the services and that the YOUNG FUND will provide physical location for the activities of the Morgan City Youth Center, and

WHEREAS, the CITY and the YOUNG FUND are required to enter into an cooperative endeavor agreement to accomplish this.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Lee Dragna, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to enter into any agreements and sign any documents necessary for the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Morgan City and the H & B Young Foundation for the Morgan City Youth Center.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Domangue, Blanchard, Hymel, Leonard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of April, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The first reading for the 2025 Millage ordinance was the next matter on the agenda. No definitive action was necessary.

Mayor Dragna said the last thing on the agenda was the resolution of respect for Byron A. "Red" Adams, Sr.; whereupon,

Messrs. Bias, Blanchard, Domangue, Hymel and Leonard offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 25-32
IN MEMORIAM
BYRON A. "RED" ADAMS, SR.

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom has taken Byron A. "Red" Adams, Sr. from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams was engaged in various aspects of the oil industry for most of his life; and

WHEREAS, he was Contract Labor Foreman for the California Company (Chevron) Bay Marchand Area from 1952 to 1958; Division Manager for Arnold Pipe Rentals from 1958 to 1964; Division Manager for Drilling Tools, Inc. from 1964 to 1967; and in November of 1967 founded Oil & Gas Rental Services, Inc. and later Oil & Gas Marine Services, Inc., retiring as Chairman in 2006; and

WHEREAS, "Red" served his country honorably in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his wonderful memory five sons, Byron A. Adams, Jr., Bruce A. Adams, Sr., Burt A. Adams, Brad A. Adams, and Ben A. Adams; eleven grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Morgan City wish to acknowledge publicly their sorrow and sympathy to the family of Byron A. "Red" Adams, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Morgan City hope that his family will find comfort in the thought that their grief and sorrow are shared by their friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Morgan City through the unanimous adoption of this resolution that they solemnly deliberate with sincere condolences, sympathy, and understanding during this time of grief.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this resolution be inscribed on a separate page of the official proceedings of this meeting; that a copy of this resolution be sent to his bereaved family; and that this meeting adjourn out of respect for the late Byron A. "Red" Adams, Sr.

Messrs. Bias, Blanchard, Domangue, Hymel and Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Blanchard, Domangue, Hymel, Leonard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of April, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor