

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
AUGUST 27, 2019

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, Steve Domangue, 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.

Pastor Bias stated that as a Positive Image this month he would like to recognize Officer Paul Ratcliff for the assistance he showed a disabled citizen at Wal Mart.

Mrs. Jessica Dubois with St. Mary Outreach addressed the Council for permission to hold the annual Pumpkin Patch and Zoo to Boo events at the petting zoo (copy on file). A motion to concur in the request was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Domangue and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Jennifer Edwards addressed the council requesting use of Lawrence Park on October 12, 2019 to hold the annual even Pets in the Park, formerly Jeepers for the Creatures (copy on file). A motion to approve the request was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Stephens and voted unanimously in favor.

Captain Teddy Liner requested permission to use Lawrence Park for the annual Night Out Against Crime on October 5, 2019 (copy on file). A motion to allow the event was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that 100 Black Men of St. Mary Parish had submitted a request to close Poncio Street on September 14, 2019 from 9 AM to 1 PM to hold their annual prostate screening event (copy on file). A motion to allow the street closure was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Marshall Kenneth Duval with the Knights of Columbus Council requested permission to hold their annual tootsie roll drive on October 18 and 19, 2019 (copy on file). A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Dean Adams with the Krewe of Adonis submitted a request to hold their annual Food Fest under the bridge between Second and Third Streets on September 28, 2019 (copy on file). A motion to concur in the request was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Dean Adams addressed the Mayor and Council to announce his candidacy for St. Mary Parish Council District 11, At-Large.

Mr. Cliff Dressel announced his candidacy for St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court and asked for the support of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Todd Pellerin, candidate for St. Mary Parish Sheriff, announced his candidacy and asked for the support of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Dale Rogers introduced himself and announced his candidacy for St. Mary Parish Council, District 9, At-Large. He asked for the support of the Mayor and Council.

Mrs. Susan Dorcey announced her candidacy for St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court. She asked for the support of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Raymond Harris addressed the Mayor and Council regarding his candidacy for Stat Representative, District 50. He asked for the support of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Pat Cloutier addressed the Council regarding the LEPA Plant. He asked Mayor Grizzaffi how long the plant had been down. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the plant had been down for around one month due to an engine failure. The LEPA member cities were currently meeting weekly to figure out a remedy to the situation. One option would be an insurance claim. Another option would be litigation. Mr. Cloutier stated that the plant was three years old and had run 13,000 hours but was supposed to be able to go up to 25,000 hours. He questioned if it was the way the plant had been operated that caused the engine failure. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the engine killed out at 13,000 hours, and there was a service agreement that was paid into every month. The engine failure was before enough money was accrued on the agreement to make the needed repairs. He stated that all 6 cities that sit on the Operating Board were meeting to find the best solution.

Mr. Andros Williams, candidate for St. Mary Parish Council, District 8, addressed the Mayor and Council and asked for their support in the upcoming election.

The minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending July 31, 2019.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: August 27, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended July 31, 2019.

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 July 31, 2019. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are now over budget by \$135,000. In General Fund, Sales taxes are now under budget by \$9,750. Operating expenses are over budget by \$41,400. The net loss, after transfers, of \$1,593,000 still results in a favorable budget variance of \$93,700.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues remain under budget by \$1,437,500, which is solely due to electric revenues. Operational expenses are also under budget by \$1,355,400 which is mainly due to being \$1,140,500 under budget in purchased power costs, resulting in a net income, after transfers, of \$161,000, however, creating an unfavorable variance of \$55,300.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are currently 54,700 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$67,800. The net income, after transfers, of \$576,000 leaves another favorable variance of \$123,100.

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

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT**

Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended July 31, 2019

	JULY 2019	JULY 2019	
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			

General Fund	3,180,449	3,005,969	174,480
Recreation Fund	105,235	111,460	(6,225)
Library Fund	9,018	8,180	838
Auditorium Fund	58,995	68,540	(9,545)
Lake End Park Fund	415,625	440,020	(24,395)
Total Revenues	3,769,322	3,634,169	135,153
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	6,219,039	6,062,349	156,690
Recreation Fund	322,148	318,791	3,357
Library Fund	71,199	86,970	(15,771)
Auditorium Fund	265,966	292,578	(26,612)
Lake End Park Fund	448,816	525,059	(76,243)
Total Expenses	7,327,168	7,285,747	41,421
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	2,258,335	2,258,335	0
Transfers to Funds	(293,500)	(293,500)	0
Net Transfers	1,964,835	1,964,835	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(1,593,011)	(1,686,743)	93,732
UTILITY FUND			
Total			
Revenues	12,165,691	13,603,215	(1,437,524)
Total Expenditures	9,947,698	11,303,061	(1,355,363)
Net			
Excess	2,217,993	2,300,154	(82,161)
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(2,057,017)	(2,083,881)	26,864
Excess net of transfers	160,976	216,273	(55,297)
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total			
Revenues	1,750,508	1,695,825	54,683
Total			
Expenses	1,825,389	1,893,164	(67,775)
Net			
Excess	(74,881)	(197,339)	122,458
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	650,958	650,254	704
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	576,077	452,915	123,162

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the presentation of the Bike Morgan City Master Plan. Mr. Eric Matte with T. Baker Smith presented a map of the proposed bike trail to the Mayor and Council. He stated the trail would be 16.5 miles long and would incorporate some City landmarks such as the Library, Lawrence Park, Young Memorial Technical College, Lake End Park and the Brownell Carilion Tower. There was a five-year implementation plan and several grants were being looked at. A grant had already been applied for and approved for one segment from the Library to the Visitor's Center. A grant from Justa Street to Lake End Park had also been applied for, but the approval would not be until January. Three other grants had been applied for as well. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the City would be responsible for a section of the trail, and prices were currently being worked up.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that in order to receive the monies from St. Mary Parish for roads, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needed to be signed, whereupon,

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Tamporello and seconded by Mr. Domangue:

RESOLUTION R:19-32

A resolution approving a cooperative endeavor agreement with St. Mary Parish to accept a grant of bond proceeds for road improvements within the City of Morgan City and providing for other matters associated therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), expects to sell and deliver its Limited Tax Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds") the proceeds of which, after paying costs of issuance thereof, will be used solely for the purpose of paying costs of improving roads, streets and bridges within the Parish, including drainage and other improvements associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, adopted a resolution on August 14, 2019 (the "Parish Resolution"), expressing the Parish's desire to make grants from the proceeds of the Bonds to various municipalities within the Parish upon the condition that the municipalities use the proceeds of said grants solely and exclusively for the purpose for which the Bonds were issued; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Resolution approved the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), in substantially the form attached as **Exhibit A** hereto, which Cooperative Endeavor Agreement provides for the grant of a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds to the City and the expenditure of said proceeds by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City, now desires to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Parish in substantially the form attached as **Exhibit A** hereto and to authorize the execution thereof by the Mayor and Clerk of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. The foregoing whereas clauses are hereby adopted and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. This Governing Authority hereby approves the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in substantially the form attached as **Exhibit A** hereto, subject to revisions as may be approved by the Mayor, his execution of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to be conclusive evidence of his approval of such revisions.

SECTION 3. The City shall be bound by the terms of and covenants set forth in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and shall take any and all actions required to maintain compliance therewith. The Mayor is hereby authorized to do and take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution as may be required, including but not limited to executing the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Tamporello, Domangue, Bias, Hymel, Stephens

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 27th day of August, 2019.

Clerk of the Council

Mayor

The next matter on the agenda was a LEPA member agreement for Emergency Assistance. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that this would allow other municipalities to join forces after a storm or other emergency and help one another out, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-33

WHEREAS, the Member Cities of the Louisiana Energy & Power Authority "LEPA" are authorized under the State of Louisiana to enter into certain agreements with each other to provide aid and assistance in restoring essential services in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will allow a Member City of LEPA to request Emergency Assistance directly or indirectly through the Regional Coordinator for mutual aid in the time of system emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the request for Emergency Assistance may include provisions for furnishing personnel, equipment, apparatus, supplies and/or materials; and

WHEREAS, the assisting Utility is willing to provide personnel, equipment, apparatus, supplies and/or materials to a Requesting Utility under the terms and provisions of this Agreement, hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, LEPA is willing to assist in the coordination of the needs of a Requesting Utility and the services of an Assisting Utility for restoration efforts through the mechanisms of this agreement; and

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needs to be signed to accomplish this.

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 and empowered to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Morgan City and the Louisiana Power & Energy Authority Member Cities.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27th day of August, 2019.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Town of Berwick had requested a model of a lighthouse that was currently housed in the archives for display in their Brown House Museum. He stated that the model was made by a Mr. Kiffe who donated it to the Library. A cooperative endeavor agreement would have to be executed to donate the model, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-34

WHEREAS, *Article VII, §14(C)* of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that "For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual"; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Godfrey C. Kiff, Sr. donated a model of Louisiana's Ship Shoal Lighthouse to the Morgan City Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the display was moved to the Morgan City Archives for safekeeping; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Berwick has requested that the display be transferred to the
Town of Berwick for display in their Heritage Museum; and

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needs to be signed with the Town
of Berwick to accomplish this.

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 and empowered
to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Morgan City and the
Town of Berwick for the transfer of the Ship Shoal Lighthouse model for display in the
Berwick Heritage Museum.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Stephens, Domangue, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27th day of
August, 2019.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the name of Mr. Neal Mayon for appointment to the Historic
District Committee. A motion to concur in the appointment was made by Mr. Stephens,
seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor