

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
JUNE 24, 2014

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. Gregory Aucoin, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Ronnie Cuvillier.

Mr. Greg Price with the Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival addressed the Council and submitted correspondence requesting approval of the 79th annual Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival (copy on file). There was some discussion on the closure of the street closures and Ms. Debra Price questioned if the times of the street closures would be published. Mr. Price stated that the streets would only be closed during festival hours and that the street closures would be published. A motion to approve the 79th annual Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival at Lawrence Park August 28, 2014 through September 1, 2014 was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Jerry Hebert with World Mission addressed the Council requesting use of the tennis court in Lawrence Park on July 7, 9, 14, and 16, 2014, from 8 AM to 9AM to teach free tennis lessons to children ages 5 to 18. A motion to allow use of the Lawrence Park tennis court was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Reverend Bias and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Anthony Hoskins asked the Mayor and Council the status of the demolition of the house on Third Street. He said that the house on Dale Street was on the agenda for tonight, but the Third Street house was not. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he had spoken to the person that purchased the house at the tax sale and his three years would be up at the beginning of July. Mr. Governale stated that a permit had been issued that afternoon for the demolition of the house.

The minutes of the May 27, 2014 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending May 31, 2014.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: June 24, 2014
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended May 31, 2014.

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 May 31, 2014. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$569,856. The sales taxes in the General Fund are \$104,000 over budget. We also received our annual LWCC check in the amount of \$336,382 which is 261,382 over the budgeted amount. Operating expenses are below budget by \$280,339. The net income, after transfers, of \$366,340 creates a favorable variance of \$850,195.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are over budget by \$1,096,738, with operational expenses also over budget by \$661,540. Again, this is largely due to the energy and gas costs being \$1,137,478 over budget making the electric and gas revenue over budget as well. The net loss, after transfers, of \$33,692 creates a favorable variance of \$435,687.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$320,353(\$307,000 sewer) over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$96,711. If we had based the sewer revenue budget upon the new rates, sewer revenue would be approximately \$11,131 under budget instead of \$307,000 over budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$375,399 leaves a favorable variance of \$446,416.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
 Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended May 31, 2014

	May 2014 ACTUAL	May 2014 BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			
REVENUES			
General Fund	3,153,023	2,629,099	523,924
Recreation Fund	69,565	55,646	13,919
Library Fund	6,447	6,340	107
Auditorium Fund	58,679	46,958	11,721
Lake End Park Fund	294,481	274,296	20,185
Total Revenues	3,582,195	3,012,339	569,856
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	3,941,140	4,124,918	(183,778)
Recreation Fund	226,889	238,061	(11,172)
Library Fund	52,388	64,429	(12,041)
Auditorium Fund	178,820	211,015	(32,195)
Lake End Park Fund	294,948	336,101	(41,153)
Total Expenses	4,694,185	4,974,524	(280,339)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	1,785,330	1,785,330	0
Transfers to Funds	(307,000)	(307,000)	0
Net Transfers	1,478,330	1,478,330	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	366,340	(483,855)	850,195
UTILITY FUND			
Total			
Revenues	8,976,774	7,880,036	1,096,738
Total Expenditures	7,554,729	6,893,189	661,540
Net Excess	1,422,045	986,847	435,198
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,455,736)	(1,456,226)	489
Excess net of transfers	(33,692)	(469,379)	435,687
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total			
Revenues	1,170,814	850,461	320,353
Total Expenses	1,136,083	1,262,116	(126,033)
Net Excess	34,731	(411,655)	446,386
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	340,668	340,638	30
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	375,399	(71,017)	446,416

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 Finance Committee had met this month. Mr. Tamporello gave a brief overview of the requests, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-21

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 \$20,554 from Sewer Capital Additions & Contingency to purchase new Ford F-150 pick-up for Water, Sewer, Gas Department.
2. Reallocate \$9,000 budgeted to purchase hydraulic breaker in Public Works to go towards purchase of (2) 61" zero turn Scag mowers for the price of \$19,358.40. Balance of \$10,358.40 to come from General Fund fund Balance.
3. Allocate \$30,000 from General Fund fund balance to update and revitalize Morgan City Petting Zoo.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Fontenot, Dufrene, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of June, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

In the matter of the condemnation report for 1821 Dale Street, Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the property owners would be given sixty one days from the date of receipt of the letter from Planning & Zoning to have the listed repairs completed. The date that all repairs would have to be completed would be July 2, 2014. Mr. Anthony Governale stated that as of yesterday, no repairs had been made to the structure. Mr. Fontenot made the motion to proceed in the demolition of the house at 1821 Dale Street if the list of repairs were not completed by July 2, 2014, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the City Attorney had suggested that the Council give authorization to the Mayor to sign a contract with the company that was the low bidder after the demolition of the house was put out for bid, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-22

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Morgan City voted to demolish the house located at 1821 Dale Street; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Director will receive bids for the demolition; and

WHEREAS, a contract will have to be signed with the low bidder.

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 as signing authority for the City of Morgan City on the demolition contract for 1821 Dale Street.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Fontenot, Dufrene, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of June, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

In the matter of the Bid Tabulation for the Roadway Repairs and Improvements Phase VIII, Public Works Director Michael Loupe stated that four bids were received. Three of those bids left out something that was called for in the bid package, and the other bid was over budget. He recommended that the bids be rejected and the project be put out for bid again, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R:14-23

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that the bids received on June 9, 2014, for the Roadway Repairs & Improvements, Phase VIII project, be and the same are hereby rejected.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Fontenot, Hymel, Bias, Dufrene, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of June, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mr. Oscar Boudreaux, engineer with Environmental Engineering Services, approached the Council regarding the Potable Water Storage Tank Roofing project. He stated that when the flashing was removed, some damage had been found. He stated the contractor had agreed to increase the flashing at his own cost to remedy the situation at no cost to the City, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-24

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, empowered, and directed in the name of and on behalf of said municipal corporation, to execute Change Directive Number 1, an installation of 16" fascia around edge of roofing rather than a proposed 6", under Contract Number R:14-03, between the City of Morgan City and Morgan Roofing Company, Inc., for the Potable Water Storage Tank Roofing project.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Fontenot, Dufrene, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of June, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

In the matter of the Mosquito Control Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Baton Rouge (copy on file), Mayor Grizzaffi stated that this agreement would allow the City to use their equipment if our equipment went down. He stated that we would reciprocate, but currently only had one mosquito truck, whereupon

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-25

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City has implemented a Mosquito Abatement plan;
and

WHEREAS, the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge has agreed to provide mosquito spraying, equipment and/or technical assistance to the City of Morgan City in the event that the City has equipment failure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Mayor Grizzaffi be, and that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute the agreement between the City and the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of June, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi advised the Council that he had decided to bring the final St. Mary Levee District Cooperative Endeavor agreement back to the Council for their approval (copy on file). He stated that Berwick had already accepted the agreement and the Parish Council was scheduled to take the issue up at their next meeting, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 14-26

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City and the St. Mary Levee District are desirous of entering into and intergovernmental agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Facility Planning & Control requires the City to designate a signing authority.

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 as signing authority for the City of Morgan City.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of June, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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