

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
AUGUST 27, 2013

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 Ron Bias.

Danika Foley and Courtney Long addressed the Council regarding Hoodstock. They asked permission to close Eleventh Street on October 12, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. They presented permission from the property owner and signatures from residents on Eleventh Street in favor of the closure. A motion to allow the closure was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Clarence Robinson with 100 Black Men of St. Mary, Inc. asked permission to close Poncio Street and Short Street on September 14, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. to hold Prostate Cancer screenings in conjunction with Mary Bird Perkins in Houma. A motion to allow the closure was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Kenny Duval with the Knights of Columbus requested permission to hold the annual Tootsie Roll drive to benefit the Special Olympics and the St. Mary Parish Center of Hope on October 4 and October 5, 2013. A motion to allow the Knights of Columbus to hold the Tootsie Roll Drive under the bridge at the junction of US 90, LA 70 and LA 182 on October 4, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm and October 5, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to noon was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Terry Guarisco addressed the Council regarding the City Library. He stated that he felt that the library was a burden to the citizens of Morgan City and that it should become part of the Parish Library System. Parish Councilman Mr. Steve Bierhorst stated that a tax would have to pass in order to admit the City into the library system.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he wanted the Councilmen to be aware that some residents were organizing a Community Prayer Day on September 7, 2013 in Klingsville from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a local resident with Angling against Autism had asked permission to use the Judge's Stand on LA 70 for a weigh in for a tournament to benefit the Baton Rouge Speech & Hearing Foundation. Mr. Hymel stated that he would like to see some of the proceeds from the tournament come to our community. A motion to allow Angling against Autism to use the Judge's Stand for a weigh in on September 28, 2013 as long as the proper insurance was submitted was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

A motion to expand the agenda to discuss the Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival street closures was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Nathalie Weber and Mr. Greg Price with the Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival stated that in their haste, they had forgotten to request that both lanes of Federal Avenue from Greenwood Street to Brashear Avenue be closed because it was a hazard to patrons of the craft show. After lengthy discussion with Police Chief Crouch and Fire Chief Price, it was decided that the Northbound Lane of Federal Avenue would be closed and the Southbound Lane of Federal Avenue would have a crossing guard to direct the traffic and allow safe passage to shoppers. A motion to concur in the decision was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Pat Cloutier asked the Mayor and Council what the status of the Wharf Committee was. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the wharf was currently being inspected by engineers and they would give the City a price on the complete renovation of the wharf.

Mr. Lucien Cutrera stated that Reverend Bias wanted him to give an update on Morgan City Industrial Road project. He stated that all permissions were granted except for the BNSF Railroad right of way. They were currently in negotiations with the Railroad and it was expected that there would be some progress on the project in the near future.

The minutes of the July 23, 2013 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hymel, 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, 2013.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: August 27, 2013
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, 2013.

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, 2013. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues exceed budget by \$383,000. Operating expenses are below budget by \$202,300. The net income, after transfers, of \$417,000 creates a favorable variance of \$585,000.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are under budget by \$344,700, with operational expenses under budget by \$119,700. The net loss, after transfers, of \$906,000 creates an unfavorable variance of \$222,800.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$16,900 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$100,100. The net loss, after transfers, of \$39,800 leaves a favorable variance of \$94,900.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
 Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended July 31, 2013

	July 2013 ACTUAL	July 2013 BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			
REVENUES			
General Fund	3,760,653	3,365,923	394,730
Recreation Fund	143,568	105,508	38,060
Library Fund	8,750	10,270	(1,520)
Auditorium Fund	80,380	65,742	14,638
Lake End Park Fund	391,931	454,817	(62,886)
Total Revenues	4,385,282	4,002,259	383,023
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	5,759,077	5,883,570	(124,493)
Recreation Fund	406,164	438,258	(32,094)
Library Fund	63,134	73,404	(10,270)
Auditorium Fund	226,431	267,587	(41,156)
Lake End Park Fund	422,002	416,312	5,690

Total Expenses	6,876,808	7,079,131	(202,323)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	2,535,838	2,535,838	0
Transfers to Funds	372,703	372,703	0
<hr/>			
Net Transfers	2,908,541	2,908,541	0
<hr/>			
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	417,015	(168,331)	585,346
<hr/>			
UTILITY FUND			
Total			
Revenues	11,549,956	11,894,739	(344,783)
Total Expenditures	10,340,300	10,459,993	(119,692)
Net Excess	1,209,656	1,434,746	(225,091)
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(2,115,712)	(2,117,929)	2,218
Excess net of transfers	(906,056)	(683,183)	(222,873)
<hr/>			
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total			
Revenues	1,254,183	1,271,123	(16,940)
Total Expenses	1,803,522	1,903,643	(100,121)
Net Excess	(549,339)	(632,521)	83,181
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	509,483	497,685	11,798
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	(39,856)	(134,836)	94,980
<hr/>			

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

In the matter of the Finance Committee Recommendations,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-56

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 up to \$16,145.00 from General Fund fund balance to Fire Department to participate with the Parish on the 911 Radio Grant.
2. Approve to reallocate \$2,500.00 from Fire Department training budget to maintenance budget to purchase new air conditioner.
3. Allocate up to \$30,000.00 from Capital Additions & Contingency to Public Works to repair 6" gas valve on Myrtle Street.

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 27th day of August, 2013.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Mr. Aucoin had asked him to appoint an assistant City Attorney and an assistant City Prosecutor. He offered the name of Paul Landry as assistant City Attorney and assistant City Prosecutor. A motion to concur in the appointment was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

In the matter of the condemnation report, Mayor Grizzaffi stated that all of the proper steps had been taken. Mr. Aucoin submitted a copy of the certified letter that was sent to the property owner (copy on file). A motion to move forward with the condemnation was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the Surplus Garbage Dumpsters, whereupon, Mr. Dufrene offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-57

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the following items are hereby declared surplus and no longer needed:

1. Commercial Garbage Dumpsters

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that said item be sold either by auction or by receiving bids.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27th day of August, 2013.

/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 first reading of the Approval of the Final Form of Power Project Revenue Bond and Resolution. No definitive action necessary.

The application for a Class A beer permit (copy on file) for Song Zhu d/b/a Lewa Garden Buffett, Inc., 605 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, was submitted. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the names of Mr. Kenneth Arceneaux and Mr. James Nelson for reappointment to the Civil Service Board. He offered the name of Mr. Lonnie Gray for appointment to the Civil Service Board, Kelly Lind Boudreaux for appointment to the Main Street Committee, Shannon Hamer for appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission, Dean Adams for appointment to the Recreation & Parks Commission and Erin Shirley for appointment to the Archives Commission. A motion to concur in the appointments and reappointments was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Dufrene, 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