

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
MAY 24, 2016

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. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Marty Harden, Bethel Pentecostal Fellowship.

Mr. Lanzer Robinson addressed the Council regarding use of Lawrence Park for an Art, Fashion and Food Market. He stated that he had put together many events around the country and was excited to try to bring an event to Morgan City. He stated he had vendors interested in attending the event and planned on four bands performing in the gazebo during the event. The event would take place over two days, and would begin at 11 AM on Saturday and at 1 PM on Sunday (copy on file). Dwayne Barbier, Recreation Director, stated that Mr. Robinson had presented his plan to the Recreation & Parks Commission and they had approved the event concept. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the City needed some legal clarification because there may need to be a charge for use of the park because the event would be for profit. A motion to approve the use of Lawrence Park for event pending legal approval was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Pat Cloutier addressed the Council regarding a recent trespassing event on his property. He asked for the status of that event. James Blair, Police Chief stated that the affidavits were in the hands of the City Prosecutor and it would be up to him to direct the Police Department to prepare warrants. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Mr. Cloutier may want to call Leo Landry, the City Prosecutor, to get a status update. City Attorney Paul Landry stated that the City Prosecutor had the authority to review the case and then decide whether he wanted to prosecute the case or not. Mayor Grizzaffi asked Mr. Cloutier if a professional surveyor standing on Mr. Cloutier's property while doing his job was considered trespassing. Mr. Cloutier stated that his property was fenced and posted with no trespassing signs and that the surveyor had done damage to his property. Mr. Landry advised Mr. Cloutier that if he was not happy with the status of the case, he could always file a suit in civil court against the person.

Ms. Jennifer Edwards addressed the Council regarding the Jeepers for the Creatures event. She stated that last year was a great success, raising almost \$10,000, and they were planning for this year to be even bigger. They requested use of Lawrence Park on October 15, 2016 from 11AM to 4 PM to hold the second annual Jeepers for the Creatures (copy on file). A motion to allow the park use was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Lee Dragna, president of the St. Mary Parish Gravity Drainage District #2 addressed the council regarding the Lakeside Canal. He stated that there was much discussion on the opening and closing of the canal and the effect it has on the street flooding in Lakeside Subdivision. He stated that the Drainage District had hired the firm of T. Baker Smith to survey the area and to propose solutions to the problems. The Drainage District spent over \$21,000 to hire the company and they had come up with four different scenarios to fix the problem. The solution would cost around \$950,000 but it was against the law for the Drainage District to do any improvements to sub-surface drainage unless it was declared an emergency. The drainage district was willing to give the canal and the study to the City so they could fix the problem. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the City could legally accept the drainage ditch but did not have the \$950,000 to fix the problem. Mr. Dragna stated that he got constant calls regarding the opening and the closing of the canal, and the drainage board was only going off of what the T. Baker Smith study has suggested they do. He felt if the canal was under the authority of the City, they would be forced to find a way to

get the money to fix the problem. Mr. Tamporello thanked Mr. Dragna but said that the issue would not be something that would be decided at the meeting tonight. Walnut Street residents Mr. Greg Green and Mr. Sammy Grizzaffi both spoke regarding the canal. Mr. Green wanted to point out that the canal was not the problem. He said the broken and clogged drainage pipes were likely the problem. Mr. Sammy Grizzaffi suggested that the Drainage Board keep ownership of the canal and the City try to raise the money to fix the problem. Mr. Marty Harden stated that he was part owner in a medical building on David Drive and their parking lot was riddled with potholes that he felt were caused by the LA 70 drainage ditch. He had been passed around from person to person over the years, but never got any answers or solutions to his problem. J.P. Bourg, Public Works Department Supervisor, stated that there were conversations with the State regarding the issue, and nothing had been done to date. Director of Public Works Michael Loupe stated that the City had been in talks with the DOTD to get the drainage issue pushed through, and with all of the budget cuts it had not been completed. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he spoke with the Senator last week and told him to take everything out of the City Capital Outlay request except the covering of the ditch.

The minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2016.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: May 24, 2016
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended April 30, 2016.

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 April 30, 2016. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$429,000 which is mainly due to the Housing Authority PILOT payment of \$143,000 and LWCC dividend of 365,000. Sales taxes in General Fund were under budget by \$51,500. Operating expenses continue to be slightly below budget by \$84,200. The net income, after transfers, of \$210,600 creates a favorable variance of \$513,400.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues remain under budget by \$251,600, with gas revenues alone being 396,000 under budget. Operational expenses are also under budget by \$741,800. Energy and gas costs are \$568,800 under budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$153,100 creates a favorable variance of \$524,200.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$10,900 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$187,900. The net income, after transfers, of \$182,000 leaves a favorable variance of \$198,700.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
 Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended April 30, 2016

GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	April 2016 ACTUAL	April 2016 BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	2,628,886	2,214,313	414,573
Recreation Fund	41,025	31,252	9,773
Library Fund	5,123	4,837	286

Auditorium Fund	39,254	38,094	1,160
Lake End Park Fund	237,053	233,677	3,376
Total Revenues	<u>2,951,341</u>	<u>2,522,173</u>	<u>429,168</u>
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	3,397,132	3,376,553	20,579
Recreation Fund	124,708	151,988	(27,280)
Library Fund	40,931	45,964	(5,033)
Auditorium Fund	164,782	193,439	(28,657)
Lake End Park Fund	244,841	288,658	(43,817)
Total Expenses	<u>3,972,394</u>	<u>4,056,602</u>	<u>(84,208)</u>
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	1,336,672	1,336,672	0
Transfers to Funds	<u>(105,000)</u>	<u>(105,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Transfers	<u>1,231,672</u>	<u>1,231,672</u>	<u>0</u>
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	<u>210,619</u>	<u>(302,757)</u>	<u>513,376</u>
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	5,355,266	5,606,845	(251,579)
Total Expenditures	<u>4,119,601</u>	<u>4,861,397</u>	<u>(741,796)</u>
Net Excess	1,235,665	745,448	490,217
Net Transfers and non-oper.	<u>(1,082,562)</u>	<u>(1,116,550)</u>	<u>33,988</u>
Excess net of transfers	<u>153,103</u>	<u>(371,102)</u>	<u>524,205</u>
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	891,996	881,087	10,909
Total Expenses	<u>942,310</u>	<u>1,130,246</u>	<u>(187,936)</u>
Net Excess	(50,314)	(249,159)	198,846
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	<u>232,344</u>	<u>232,500</u>	<u>(156)</u>
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	<u>182,030</u>	<u>(16,659)</u>	<u>198,690</u>

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

The next matter on the agenda was the Finance Committee recommendations, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-13

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. Approve request from Public Works to reallocate funds up to \$11,000 to purchase a zero turn mower. \$11,000 reallocation will come from \$70,000 that was budgeted in 2016 to purchase a backhoe.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of May, 2016.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the Health Insurance Committee recommendation. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Council had a special meeting the week before to allow each company to present their plans. The Insurance Committee met and recommended that the city go with the self-funded plan through the Arthur J. Gallagher Company and Blue Cross & Blue Shield (copy on file), whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-14

WHEREAS, the firm of A. J. Gallagher has submitted a self-funded insurance package through Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the insurance committee has made the recommendation that the City select the self-funded health insurance option through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

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 to execute the contract between the City and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana for the self-funded plan option.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Bias, Fontenot, Hymel

NAYS: Dufrene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of May, 2016.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mr. Pat Cloutier stated that in his over hour and a half experience at the Police Department, the insurance claims could stem from the average BMI of the police force.

Mr. Anthony Governale, Planning & Zoning Director, gave an update on the progress of the Floodplain Management program (copy on file).

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that each year the City must choose an official journal, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-15

WHEREAS, L.R.S. 43:171 provides that political subdivisions of the state shall select an official journal for the period of July 1st and ending June 30th of each year, and

WHEREAS, the Daily Review is the only newspaper within the City which conforms to the regulations governing official journals, and

WHEREAS, the price quoted by the Daily Review is within the limits allowed by law,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the Daily Review be and the same is hereby appointed as the official journal of the City of Morgan City and its proposal to publish legal publications of the City at a cost of \$3.00 per column inch is hereby accepted.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of May, 2016.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the cemetery lease. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a current employee of the cemetery was going to live in the house on the property in order to monitor vandalism and to open and close the gates, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R:16-16

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City is the owner of real property located at 450 Myrtle Street, known as the Morgan City Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacant house located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to lease its real or personal property under such terms as it deems wise; and

WHEREAS, in order to deter vandalism and facilitate the opening and closing of the gates, it would be of great benefit to the city to have a caretaker living on the premises.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed in the name of and on behalf of the City of Morgan City to execute said lease.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Hymel, Dufrene, Fontenot, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of May, 2016.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mr. Dwayne Barbier stated that Ms. Bridget Savoy approached the Recreation & Parks Commission regarding providing paddleboat, canoe and kayak rentals to patrons at Lake End Park. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that they felt it would be a good asset at the Park and the City was not looking to make a fortune on the rentals. The negotiated rate was \$10 per day and the City Attorney had prepared a lease, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-17

WHEREAS, Bridgette Savoy d/b/a Sun & Fun Water Rentals, LLC has requested the use of a portion of Lake End Park from which to conduct business; and

WHEREAS, a contract between Sun & Fun Water Rentals, LLC is necessary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that (1) it approves the request of Sun & Fun Water Rentals, LLC to utilize a portion of Lake End Park, and (2) that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed in the name of and on behalf of the City of Morgan City to execute said contract.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Fontenot, Bias, Dufrene, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 24th day of May, 2016.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The public hearing for the 2016 millage ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance, whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on April 26, 2016. Published by title on April 29, 2016.

Mr. Dufrene offered the following Ordinance, who moved for its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-04

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAX TO BE ASSESSED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, in regular session convened:

SECTION 1

That the tax roll of the City of Morgan City as prepared by the St. Mary Parish Assessor, showing the assessed value of all property subject to taxation within the said City, on said roll, to amount to the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO and no/100 DOLLARS (\$116,188,452) to be and the same is hereby ratified and approved by this body.

SECTION 2

That for the purpose of meeting the ordinary, municipal expenses of said City for the year 2016 there is hereby levied upon all property within said City, subject to taxation, an ad valorem tax of FOURTEEN AND SEVENTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS (14.75) mills on the dollar, upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO and no/100 DOLLARS (\$116,188,452).

SECTION 3

That for the purpose of paying the interest due on the first day of September, 2016, and the first day of March and September, 2017, upon the bonds issued by the City of Morgan City, for the auditorium dated March 1, 2000 (refunded March 1, 2013), there is hereby levied a tax of ONE AND SEVEN ONE HUNDREDTHS (1.07) mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO and no/100 DOLLARS (\$116,188,452).

SECTION 4

That for the purpose of paying the maintenance and other such expenses of the Municipal Auditorium for the year 2016, there is hereby levied a tax of TWO (2.0) mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO and no/100 DOLLARS (\$116,188,452).

SECTION 5

That the City Tax Collector of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of said City, according to law; that the taxes herein levied shall be a permanent lien and privilege on all of the property subject to taxation as herein set forth; and the collection hereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict hereby be and the same are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, the public welfare so demanding.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Dufrene, Bias, Fontenot, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 24th day of May, 2016.

Delivered to Mayor Grizzaffi at 1:00 PM, this 25th day of May, 2016.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 25th day of May, 2016.

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

Received from Mayor Grizzaffi at 1:30 PM on May 25, 2016.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: June 8, 2016

A request for the 2015-2016 Class A and Class B Beer License renewals for the following establishments was submitted:

2016-2017 CLASS A & CLASS B BEER LICENSE RENEWAL

Acadiana Bar & Grill	615 Brashear Ave
AJS Second St Pub	1400 Second St.
Atchafalaya Café LLC	7310 Hwy 182E
Bingos	7503 Highway 182
Blowout Lounge	117 Railroad Avenue
Café JoJo's	624 Front Street
Cajun Country Lounge	1226 Victor II Blvd
Cannata's Food World	Corner 7 th & Brashear Avenue
Castalano Sausage & Deli	1023 Sixth St
Circle K #4640-DC 36	7700 Highway 90
Cracker Barrel Store #52	6383 Highway 90
Craws & Claws	1601 Hwy 182
CVS Drug Store	6502 Highway 182
Daiquiri's & Company	7550 Highway 90
Duke Lounge	7722 Highway 90
East Gate BBQ LLC	7516 Highway 182
EL Toro Mexican Grill	7027 Highway 182 E
Family Food Mart, Inc.	701 Everett Street
Friend's Tavern	6701 Highway 182-Ste B
Ganaway's #1	1409 Federal Avenue
H&M Food Mart LLC	7028 Highway 182 E
Hampton Inn & Suite	6365 Hwy 182 E
Henry's of Morgan City, La., Inc.	319 Second street
Johnny Food Mart	2100 Federal Avenue
Kim's Food Mart & Gifts	1315A Federal Avenue
La Morita Meat Market LLC	1230 Victor II Blvd
Latin Corner LLC	201 Railroad Ave
Links Café	1118 Victor II Blvd
Lotus Asian Restaurant	605 Milk Blvd
Ma Ma G's	7540 Highway 90
Mel-Star, Inc.	620 ½ Milk Blvd.
Morgan City Municipal Auditorium	Highway 90
My Sisters' Pantry LLC	1500 Federal Ave
Paradise Valley Casino	1116 Victor II Blvd.
Paradise Valley Daiquiris	1114 Victor II Blvd.
Petroleum Club of Morgan City	500 Roderick Street
Quick General Mini Market	2407 Sixth Street
The Rathskeller	7222 Highway 90
Rite-Aid #7283	1223 Victor II Blvd.
Rose's Café	209 Union Street
Rouse's Supermarket #10	6403 Highway 90
Smoke-N-Go #15	7521 Highway 182E
Sports Bar	7419 Highway 182
Stazione II	6602 Highway 90
Susie's Seafood	6701 Hwy 182-Ste A
Table Five Boiling Pot	701 Freret Street
Table Five Lounge	702 Fifth Street
Tampico Restaurant, Inc.	Inglewood Mall
The Drink House	501 First Street
Timmy T's LLC.	6815 Highway 90
Toyko Fish Restaurant	6214 Highway 182E
VFW Post #4222	1504 Sandra Street
Victor II Deli	1220 Victor II Blvd
Walgreen #10975	815 Brashear Ave
WalMart #7099	1002 Hwy 70

Everything being in order, a motion to approve these renewals was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

The application for a Class "A" Liquor and beer permit (copy on file) for Pablo Oaks Management Services d/b/a Morgan's Restaurant and Lounge, 520 Roderick Street, was

submitted. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor