

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
FEBRUARY 23, 2021

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 pm (local time) in regular session, this date, in the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium Theater, 725 Myrtle Street, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present: Honorable Lee Dragna, Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Steve Domangue, Tim Hymel, Mark Stephens and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: None

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Ronnie Foret, Lighthouse Community Church.

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

Mrs. Edie Skiles with Pharr Chapel requested permission to close Everett Street between Second and Third Streets on Friday April 2, 2021 from 10 AM to 2 PM to have a drive thru for their annual Community Fish Fry. A motion to approve this request was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Pastor Bias stated that February was Black History Month and he wanted to give recognition to some African Americans that contributed to the City and Parish. Mr. Roland Turner was the first African American sanitation worker. Phillip Dural, Sr. was the first African American Assistant Fire Chief, Palmer Cox, Sr. was the first African American police officer, Buddy Coleman was the second, and Dennis Williams was the third. Mr. Williams served during segregation and was only allowed to arrest African Americans. Mr. Leon Hartman, Sr. was the fourth African American police officer. Mr. Roland Broussard was the first African American politician elected to the Parish Council from the City of Morgan City. Mr. Tamporello stated that one more name needed to be added to this list. He stated that Pastor Bias had served on the City Council for 17 years.

The minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting were submitted. Pastor Bias stated that he wanted to add to the minutes A motion to approve the minutes with the addition was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending January 31, 2021.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: February 23, 2021
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended January 31, 2021.

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 January 31, 2021. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are starting the year over budget by \$88,554. Sales taxes in General Fund were over budget by \$33,784. Operating expenses are below budget by \$5,330. The net loss, after transfers, of \$58,000 is a favorable variance of \$93,884 compared to the budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are under budget by \$356,000, with \$310,000 of that difference is electrical revenues. The operational expenses are also under budget but only by \$203,200. The net loss, after transfers, of \$140,000 creates an unfavorable variance of \$154,275.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$10,555 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$47,110. The net income, after transfers, of \$68,149 leaves another favorable variance of \$36,587.

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

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT**

Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended January 31, 2021

| | JANUARY 2021 | JANUARY 2021 | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS | ACTUAL | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
| REVENUES | | | |
| General Fund | 607,923 | 530,039 | 77,884 |
| Recreation Fund | (459) | 6,008 | (6,467) |
| Library Fund | 1,000 | 1,321 | (321) |
| Auditorium Fund | 1,158 | 5,008 | (3,850) |
| Lake End Park Fund | 71,498 | 50,188 | 21,310 |
| Total Revenues | 681,120 | 592,566 | 88,554 |
| EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL | | | |
| General Fund | 914,205 | 869,669 | 44,536 |
| Recreation Fund | 19,852 | 37,445 | (17,593) |
| Library Fund | 5,905 | 9,275 | (3,370) |
| Auditorium Fund | 28,158 | 38,042 | (9,884) |
| Lake End Park Fund | 50,363 | 69,382 | (19,019) |
| Total Expenses | 1,018,483 | 1,023,813 | (5,330) |
| TRANSFERS | | | |
| Transfers from Funds | 313,333 | 313,333 | 0 |
| Transfers to Funds | (34,000) | (34,000) | 0 |
| Net Transfers | 279,333 | 279,333 | 0 |
| EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS | (58,030) | (151,914) | 93,884 |
| UTILITY FUND | | | |
| Total | | | |
| Revenues | 1,388,697 | 1,744,751 | (356,054) |
| Total Expenditures | 1,245,472 | 1,448,703 | (203,231) |
| Net | | | |
| Excess | 143,225 | 296,048 | (152,823) |
| Net Transfers and non-oper. | (283,243) | (281,792) | (1,452) |
| Excess net of transfers | (140,019) | 14,256 | (154,275) |
| SANITATION AND SEWER FUND | | | |
| Total | | | |
| Revenues | 235,158 | 245,713 | (10,555) |
| Total | | | |
| Expenses | 222,666 | 269,776 | (47,110) |
| Net | | | |
| Excess | 12,492 | (24,063) | 36,555 |
| Net Transfers/non-operating expenses | 55,657 | 55,625 | 32 |
| Excess net of transfers and non-operating | 68,149 | 31,562 | 36,587 |

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

Mrs. Garber gave a brief update on the Police Pension and Relief fund,

CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

| Police Pension and Relief Fund | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| December 31, 2020 | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| Operating Revenues: | | |
| Interest Income | \$ 124 | \$ 121 |
| Contributions | 27,582 | 27,684 |
| Total Revenues | 27,706 | 27,805 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Benefits Paid | 20,232 | 31,182 |
| Net Income(Loss) | 7,474 | (3,377) |
| Fund Balance, beginning | 18,669 | 22,046 |
| Fund Balance, ending | \$ 26,143 | \$ 18,669 |

CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

| Police Pension and Relief Fund | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| December 31, 2020 | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS | \$ 7,474 | \$ (3,377) |
| Operations-Net Income (Loss) | | |
| Changes in Current Assets & Liabilities | | |
| (Increase)Decrease in: | | |
| Accrued interest receivables | (1) | (1) |
| Incr. or (Decr.) Other Receivables | | |
| Incr. or (Decr.) Due other funds | | |
| Net changes in cash & cash equivalents | 7,473 | (3,378) |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash & cash equivalents, beginning | 18,562 | 21,940 |
| Cash & cash equivalents, ending | <u>\$ 26,035</u> | <u>\$ 18,562</u> |

CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET

Police Pension and Relief Fund
December 31, 2020

| | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash | \$ 10,675 | \$ 3,324 |
| Investments (Restricted) | 15,360 | 15,238 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Accrued Interest Rec. | - | 107 |
| Other | | |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 26,035</u> | <u>\$ 18,669</u> |

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accrued liabilities

Due to other funds

Restricted Fund Balance (as restated)

26,143

18,669

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

\$ 26,143

\$ 18,669

A motion to accept the police Pension and Relief statement was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the Archives account signatures; whereupon, Pastor Bias offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-07

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City Archives has an investment account with the firm of Edward Jones; and

WHEREAS, the current authorized signors on the account are no longer employed by the City and records need to be updated; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Solar, Jr., CAO and Deborah Garber, Finance Director, shall have the full power and authority on behalf of the corporation to enter an agreement on behalf of the corporation; open a brokerage account on the behalf of the corporation; do and perform every act to be done in conjunction with the account being opened, including, but not limited

to, being able to transfer, endorse, sell, assign, and deliver any and all certificates of stock, bonds, debentures, notes, subscriptions, warrants, stock purchase warrants, evidences of indebtedness, or other securities now and hereafter registered in the name of or owned by the corporation; and make, execute, and deliver any and all written documents necessary to effectuate the authority hereby granted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that it authorizes Charlie Solar Jr. and Deborah Garber to be listed as an authorized person on the Morgan City Archives account with Edward Jones.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of February, 2021.

Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that the entire Steam Plant needed to be declared surplus so it could be torn down; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-08

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the Joseph J. Cefalu, Jr. Municipal Steam Plant, including all components for generation of electricity is hereby declared surplus and no longer needed.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of February, 2021.

Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The first reading of the Authorize Issuance of \$2,000,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes ordinance was opened. No definitive action was necessary.

The first reading of the Creation of Economic Development Commission ordinance was opened. No definitive action was necessary.

Mayor Dragna submitted the name of Mr. Matthew Glover for appointment to the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District Commission. A motion to concur in the appointment was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor. Pastor Bias thanked Mr. Tim Matthews, Sr. for his time serving on the commission.

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

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Lee Dragna
Mayor