

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
JUNE 25, 2024

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 Lee Dragna, Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Tim Hymel, Bonnie Leonard and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: Steve Domangue

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Wilbert Turner.

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

Mr. Caleb Bryan requested use of the area under the bridge to hold Da Cajun Burger Cookoff on March 8, 2025 (copy on file). He said there would be around 50 booths and there would be food sales as well as the competition itself. He said that he was currently trying to get a local civic organization to sell alcohol for the event. Mr. Bryan was told he needed a \$2 million dollar liability insurance policy and if alcohol sales were going to take place, security would be needed. A motion to approve the event was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Dwayne Barbier stated that the Recreation & Parks Commission had approved a request from the Krewe of Adonis to hold a family fun day in Lawrence Park on August 10, 2024. There would be food trucks, fun jumps and a band (copy on file). Chief Chad Adams stated that if alcohol would be sold or allowed at the event, security would be needed and to get with his office. A motion to approve the event was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

The minutes of the May 28, 2024 and June 5, 2024 meetings 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 May 31, 2024.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: June 25, 2024
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, 2024.

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, 2024. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues remain slightly under budget by \$12,873. In General Fund, sales taxes are under budget by \$28,778. Operating expenses are under budget by \$389,249. The net loss of \$1,697,310 is a favorable variance of \$376,376 as compared to the adopted budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are increasingly under budget at \$816,018. Electric Purchased Power adjustment revenues alone are under \$906,000 which is a direct result of the Purchased Power Expense being under budget \$992,000. Overall, the utility operational expenses are under budget \$992,266. The net income, after transfers, of \$1,155,664 creates a favorable variance compared to the budget of \$230,647.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$66,394 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$53,704. The net income, after transfers, of \$193,206 leaves another favorable variance of \$151,217.

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

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended MAY 31, 2024**

	MAY 2024 ACTUAL	MAY 2024 BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			
REVENUES			
General Fund	3,315,391	3,383,553	(68,162)
Recreation Fund	55,151	26,655	28,496
Library Fund	3,541	5,913	(2,372)
Auditorium Fund	51,548	42,497	9,051
Lake End Park Fund	477,489	457,375	20,114
Cemetery Fund	112,592	66,757	45,835
State Prisoner Fund	63,698	91,905	(28,207)
Total Revenues	3,903,120	3,915,993	(12,873)
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	4,668,850	5,007,443	(338,593)
Recreation Fund	209,416	217,467	(8,051)
Library Fund	39,755	57,893	(18,138)
Auditorium Fund	199,738	223,694	(23,956)
Lake End Park Fund	406,532	432,714	(26,182)
Cemetery Fund	112,184	122,338	(10,154)
State Prisoner Fund	293,955	258,130	35,825
Total Expenses	5,930,430	6,319,679	(389,249)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	330,000	330,000	0
Transfers to Funds	0	0	0
Net Transfers	330,000	330,000	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(1,697,310)	(2,073,686)	376,376
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	8,672,896	9,488,914	(816,018)
Total Expenditures	7,416,294	8,408,560	(992,266)
Net Excess	1,256,602	1,080,354	176,248
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(100,938)	(155,337)	54,399
Excess net of transfers	1,155,664	925,017	230,647
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	1,404,027	1,337,633	66,394
Total Expenses	1,672,628	1,726,332	(53,704)
Net Excess	(268,601)	(388,699)	120,098
Net Transfers/non- operating expenses	461,807	430,688	31,119
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	193,206	41,989	151,217

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the Official Journal, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-23

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

WHEREAS, the price quoted by *The Morgan City 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 Morgan City 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 \$6.00 per square is hereby accepted.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of June, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that the Water Plant contract signature had not been authorized and needed to be done; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-24

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the bid of The Lemoine Company, L.L.C. for furnishing all materials, equipment, etc., for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements, Phase I, Morgan City, Louisiana project in the amount of SIX MILLION ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$6,140,990.00) being the least and most responsible

bid received, be and the same is hereby accepted and awarded to The Lemoine Company, L.L.C.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said The Lemoine Company, L.L.C. for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for furnishing all materials, and equipment for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements, Phase I, Morgan City, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the contract shall be filed with the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, for recordation in the mortgage records of said parish, hereby ratifying and confirming his act or acts in the premises.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of June, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mr. Mike Loupe, Director of Public Works, stated that bids had come in for the Roadway Repairs #3 Project and Cleveland Billiot, III General Contracting was the low bidder; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-25

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the bid of Cleveland Billiot, III General Contracting, Inc., for furnishing all materials, equipment, etc., for the Morgan City Street Repairs, #3 project in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars and No Cents (\$269,890.00) being the least and most responsible bid received, be and the same is hereby accepted and awarded to Cleveland Billiot, III General Contracting, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said Cleveland Billiot, III General Contracting Inc. for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for furnishing all materials, and equipment for the Morgan City Street Repairs #3 Project, Morgan City, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the contract shall be filed with the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, for recordation in the mortgage records of said parish, hereby ratifying and confirming his act or acts in the premises.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of June, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that the current Archives building was in a state of disrepair and there were many important documents housed there. The building next to City Hall had come up for sale and would make a great home for the Archives. He was in contact with the current heirs of the Schrier House and they said they may sell the property and split the money with the City to fund the Archives. Mr. Charlie Solar stated that they were also asking for up to \$50,000 to help facilitate the move of the documents. He said that since the purchase was not in the budget, a resolution needed to be passed; whereupon,

Mrs. Leonard offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-26

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City Archives is in need of a place to serve as a repository for historical documents and artifacts relative to the history of Morgan City and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the building located at 506 First Street is currently for sale; and

WHEREAS, additional monies will be needed to relocate the documents and artifacts; and

WHEREAS, the Archives Fund has the monies to make the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this building would greatly benefit the Archives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of Morgan City, Louisiana that it hereby authorizes the purchase of the property located at 506 First Street in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) and up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the relocation of the documents and artifacts.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of June, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

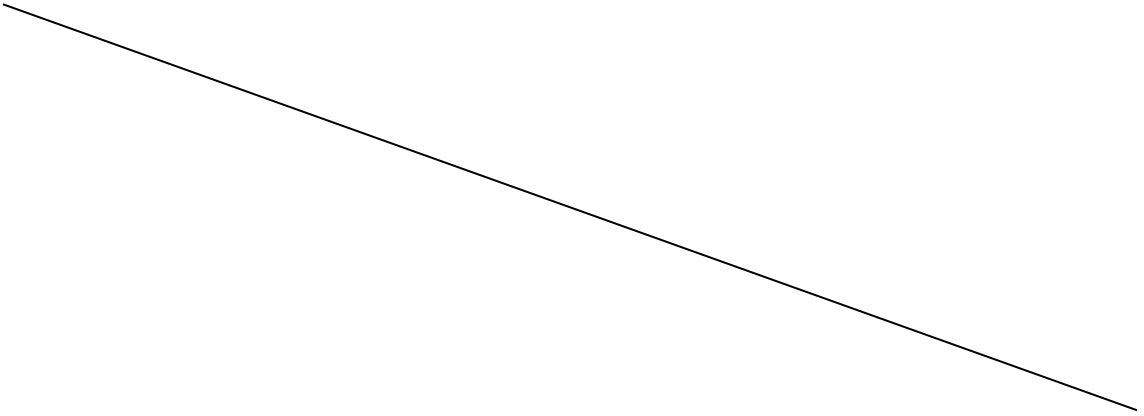
The next matter on the agenda was the first reading for the Millage Ordinances. Mayor Dragna stated that the publication in the paper was not correct, and the ordinances needed to be readopted. This was a first reading. No definitive action was necessary.

The first reading of the Rezoning of the Official Map of the City Ordinance was opened. No definitive action was necessary.

The first reading of the Purchase of 506 First Street was the next matter on the agenda. No definitive action was necessary.

Mr. Hymel stated that he wanted to note that Morgan City local Vernon Norwood had competed and finished fourth in the finals for the Olympic trials, and he still may qualify for the Olympic Relay Team. He congratulated Mr. Norwood on all his accomplishments and continuing to make Morgan City proud.

The final matter on the agenda was the Resolution of Respect for Logan Fromenthal, Jr.; whereupon,



Messrs. Bias, Hymel, Leonard and Tamporello offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-27
IN MEMORIAM
LOGAN JOSEPH FROMENTHAL, JR.

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom has taken Logan Joseph Fromenthal, Jr. from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Logan retired from Shell Oil after 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Logan dedicated 16 years to local politics, serving on the Morgan City Council and then on the St. Mary Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, Logan loved sports and played in high school and continued playing throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, he generously shared his knowledge and passion by coaching his daughters in softball and his grandchildren in baseball; and

WHEREAS, Logan was an avid golfer, finding solace and joy on the green. He also had a green thumb, spending countless hours tending to his vegetable garden and honing his skills in woodworking; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 34 years Susan Guzzetta, five daughters: Annette Girard, Susan Mahfouz, Bonnie Dahlberg, Lauren Fanelli and Erin Shipe, 18 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Morgan City wish to acknowledge publicly their sorrow and sympathy to the family of Logan Joseph Fromenthal, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Morgan City hopes that his family will find comfort in the thought that their grief and sorrow are shared by their friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Morgan City through the unanimous adoption of this resolution that the solemnly deliberate with sincere condolences, sympathy, and understanding during this time of grief.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this resolution be inscribed on a separate page of the official proceedings of this meeting; that a copy of this resolution be sent to his bereaved family; and that this meeting adjourn out of respect for the late Logan Joseph Fromenthal, Jr..

Messrs. Bias, Hymel, Leonard, Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Hymel, Leonard, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Domangue

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of June, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor