

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 5, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 3:30 pm in special session, this date, in the Conference Room at City Hall, 512 First Street, Morgan City, Louisiana.

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

Absent: None

Also present was Mr. Charlie Solar, Jr.

The public notice, posted on the principal front door of the meeting place was read (copy on file).

Mayor Dragna stated that the person interested in buying Lake End Rentals decided against it, and now a decision had to be made by the Council regarding the purchase and the Finance Committee recommendation. Mr. Tim Hymel expressed concern with the purchase. He said he had visited friends from out of town at one of the cabins the previous weekend. He was embarrassed by the condition of the cabin he was in. He said that they also went home with bed bugs from their stay at the cabin. He would rather put money into the cabins than make the Lake End Rentals purchase. He asked if only the golf carts could be purchased. Mayor Dragna said that would not be possible. They were only selling the equipment all together.

Mr. Tamporello said he could not see spending money on the equipment when other repairs needed to be completed. Pastor Bias asked how long it would take to recoup the cost. Mrs. Garber stated that another fund could be used to make the purchase and that fund could be repaid.

Mr. Kevin Chauvin, Lake End Park Manager, asked if the Lake would keep any funds generated by the rentals to go towards future repairs. Mrs. Garber stated that yes, it would be put into the Lake End Park fund. Mrs. Bonnie Leonard said that she felt comfortable with the purchase. Lake End Rentals had made \$125,000 last year, and she felt the amenities added to the beauty of our park.

Mr. Charlie Solar said his biggest concern was not losing what the City does have. In recent studies done for the Chamber of Commerce, it was noted that fishing was the biggest thing Morgan City had to offer visitors, and he felt we needed to capitalize on that; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-22

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 \$175,000 from Lake End Park Building & Maintenance to purchase equipment from Lake End Rentals.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 5th day of
June, 2024.

Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Lee Dragna
Mayor