

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
MAY 28, 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 Pastor Bias.

The first matter on the agenda was the swearing in of Mrs. Bonnie Leonard. Mayor Dragna explained that this had to be done a second time because the Secretary of State had not received Mr. Stephens' resignation letter until after the April meeting; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-15

WHEREAS, Council member Mark Stephens, representing District 2, submitted his resignation effective April 22, 2024, at midnight, and

WHEREAS, the constitution, laws of the State of Louisiana, and the charter of the City of Morgan City provide that such a vacancy shall be filled through appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the council until the office is filled by the vote of the qualified electors voting in an election called by the council for that purpose, and

WHEREAS, the constitution, laws of the State of Louisiana, and the charter of the City of Morgan City provide that the council shall issue a proclamation ordering the election to fill the vacancy in accordance with state law, and

WHEREAS, an election is scheduled for a November 5, 2024 primary election and December 7, 2024 general election with qualifying dates being July 17, 2024 – July 19, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Mrs. Bonnie Leonard is hereby appointed to serve on the Morgan City Council as the District 2 representative until the office is filled by the vote of the qualified electors voting in an election called by the council for that purpose and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the election to fill the vacancy for the City Council District 2 representative shall be scheduled for a November 5, 2024 primary election and December, 7, 2024 general election with qualifying dates being July 17 - July 19, 2024.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Bias, Hymel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Domangue

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The Positive Image recipient for the month of May was Performance Contractors. Councilman Tamporello stated that although they were not actually located in Morgan City, they employed many citizens and kept the hotels and restaurants busy.

Vanessa Spinella with Morgan City Main Street submitted a request to hold the 4th of July Lake Jam at Lake End Parkway on July 4, 2024, from 4 PM to 9 PM. She also submitted a request to allow Wildflower Boutique to have live music upstairs on their balcony on June 7, 2024, from 6 PM to 10 PM for their Grand Re Opening Event. A motion to approve the requests was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Hailee Thomas submitted a request to hold the 89th Annual Shrimp & Petroleum Festival (copy on file). A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Shelley Suire, Mrs. Jenny Bailey and Mrs. Monica Martin submitted a request to hold the first annual Tri-City Weenie Spaghetti Cookoff on November 16, 2024, under the US 90 Bridge. It was brought to the attention of the Council that the Gumbo Cookoff was going to be held in Lawrence Park, so it was suggested that a new date be agreed upon between all parties involved. A motion to approve the Tri-City Weenie Spaghetti Cookoff on a date agreed upon by all parties was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Timmy Quebedeaux with Atchafalaya Bit & Bridle Club requested permission to hold the Mexican American Rodeo on June 8, 2024, from 10 AM until Midnight at the arena. A motion to approve the rodeo was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Tammy Quick addressed the Council regarding the Surviving the Swamp with Mel event at Lake End Park. They were requesting to hold the second annual event on April 5, 2025, from 1 PM to 5 PM. She stated that the first event was an overwhelming success and thanked the City and Lake End Park for all their help. No action was taken pending Lake End Park Approval.

Terry Guarisco addressed the Mayor and Council regarding a gas smell that he had been experiencing near his driveway for several years. He said that he had called to complain several times and was told that gas line repairs were scheduled in the future that would repair the problem. Mr. Charlie Solar stated that they were aware of the problem and assured Mr. Guarisco that it posed no safety or health hazards. He said all of the gas lines were going to be replaced in the near future, and that would remedy the problem.

Mrs. Sunshine Griffin, Railroad Avenue resident, addressed the Council again regarding the state of several properties in and around her neighborhood. She stated that there had been a trash cleanup event, and it had made some improvement, but the dilapidated houses and abandoned vehicles were a cause for concern. Mayor Dragna stated that he would have the compliance officer, Melanie Topham, contact her.

The minutes of the April 23, 2024 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2024.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: May 28, 2024
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, 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 April 30, 2024. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues remain slightly under budget by \$5,465. In General Fund, sales taxes are under budget by \$39,794. Operating expenses are under budget by \$281,304. The net loss of \$1,513,585 is a favorable variance of \$275,839 as compared to the adopted budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are now under budget by \$317,853. The operational expenses are also under budget by \$866,406. The net income, after transfers, of \$1,003,756 creates a favorable variance compared to the budget of \$581,600.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$48,510 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$39,739. The net income, after transfers, of \$144,645 leaves another favorable variance of \$110,705.

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

CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended April 30, 2024

	APRIL 2024 ACTUAL	APRIL 2024 BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			
REVENUES			
General Fund	2,524,778	2,564,572	(39,794)
Recreation Fund	40,746	18,951	21,795
Library Fund	5,935	4,704	1,231
Auditorium Fund	34,265	34,242	23
Lake End Park Fund	368,173	356,893	11,280
Cemetery Fund	86,069	53,408	32,661
State Prisoner Fund	56,968	72,208	(15,240)
Total Revenues	2,973,897	2,979,362	(5,465)
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	3,835,929	4,015,324	(179,395)
Recreation Fund	156,265	167,480	(11,215)
Library Fund	32,769	55,906	(23,137)
Auditorium Fund	156,856	182,900	(26,044)
Lake End Park Fund	278,829	352,272	(73,443)
Cemetery Fund	84,917	97,911	(12,994)
State Prisoner Fund	246,917	201,993	44,924
Total Expenses	4,792,482	5,073,786	(281,304)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	305,000	305,000	0
Transfers to Funds	0	0	0
Net Transfers	305,000	305,000	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(1,513,585)	(1,789,424)	275,839
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	7,055,026	7,372,879	(317,853)
Total Expenditures	5,941,389	6,807,795	(866,406)
Net Excess	1,113,637	565,084	548,553
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(109,881)	(142,928)	33,047
Excess net of transfers	1,003,756	422,156	581,600
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	1,117,927	1,069,417	48,510
Total Expenses	1,344,410	1,384,149	(39,739)
Net Excess	(226,483)	(314,732)	88,249

Net Transfers/non- operating expenses	371,128	348,672	22,456
Excess net of transfers and non- operating	144,645	33,940	110,705

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Pastor Bias, 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: 24-16

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 \$130,000 from Auditorium to remodel ballroom bathrooms. 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 28th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
 Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
 Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that due to the confusion with the appointment of the replacement councilperson, the City needed to readopt the Surplus Equipment Resolution as well as the Authorization of a CEA with Baldwin; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-17

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

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| 1. 8 Safety Vision Primafacie 32G Body Cameras | Police Department |
| 2. Prima Facie Docking Station, Serial #DS-195-00083 | Police Department |
| 3. Dell Optiplex 7010 Desktop, Serial #DYQXV02 | Police Department |
| 4. Dell Optiplex 7020 Desktop, Serial #FKT0Q22 | Police Department |
| 5. Lenovo Thinkcentre M81 Desktop, Serial #MJHPTPF | Police Department |
| 6. Lenovo Thinkcentre M91P Desktop, Serial #MJBDFN | Police Department |
| 7. Dell Optiplex 3020 Desktop, Serial #CX63V52 | Police Department |
| 8. Lenovo Thinkcentre M91P Desktop, Serial #MJECMLG | Police Department |
| 9. Dell Optiplex 980 Desktop, Serial #7HF1PN1 | Police Department |
| 10. Dell Optiplex 7080 Desktop, Serial #45NZY12 | Police Department |
| 11. Dell XPS Desktop, Serial #57JMN22 | Police Department |
| 12. Dell T1500 Server, Serial #4GJ0MN1 | Police Department |
| 13. Dell Optiplex 9020 Desktop, Serial #71Y99Z1 | Police Department |
| 14. Dell Poweredge SC1430 Server, Serial #BGC26F1 | Police Department |
| 15. Dell Optiplex 3010 Desktop, Serial #1LRBTW1 | Police Department |
| 16. Computer Monitor, Tag #5054 | Police Department |
| 17. HP CM1415PAW Printer, Tag #6137 | Police Department |
| 18. 1985 Brigadier Dump Truck VIN#1GDT9C4J9FV607061 | Public Works |
| 19. Doosan DX19W VIN#DHKCEWADV90005383 | Public Works |
| 20. 1985 Brigadier Dump Truck VIN#1CDT9C4J0FY67062 | Public Works |
| 21. 2008 Ford F-250 VIN#1FTWF20538EA90867 | Public Works |
| 22. Chevy 1500 Pickup VIN#1GTEC4X35Z302783 | Central Garage |
| 23. 2003 Ford F-250 VIN#1FTNX20L013EC63362 | Public Works |
| 24. 2013 Ford Escape VIN # 1FMDNF20546ED91351 | Police Department |

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| 25. 1998 Dodge Ram VIN#1B7HC16X9WS718034 | Water, Sewer, Gas |
| 26. 1995 Chevy 1500 VIN#1GCGC24H2SZ248715 | Public Works |
| 27. 2005 Chevy Silverado VIN#1GCEC14Z65Z285589 | Electric Department |
| 28. 2006 Ford F-250 VIN#1FDNF20527EA02174 | Electric Department |
| 29. 2005 GMC 1500 VIN#1GTEC14X35Z295987 | Mosquito Abatement |
| 30. 2006 Ford F-250 VIN#1FDNF20546ED91351 | Electric Department |
| 31. Ford F150 VIN#1FTZX1727YNB95741 | Lake End Park |
| 32. 2008 Ford F-250 VIN#1FT5X20558EE39995 | Public Works |
| 33. Pallet of Crown Victoria Parts, push bumpers, etc. | Police Department |
| 34. Various brooms, bulbs, cups, towels chemicals | Purchasing Department |
| 35. Roland Color cam Pro City Tag #03978 | Purchasing Department |
| 36. 4 Stihl weed eaters | Public Works |
| 37. 4 Echo weed eaters | Public Works |
| 38. Compressor, floor jack, drill press | Central Garage |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that said items be sold either by auction, on GovDeal.com, or by receiving bids.

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 28th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dagna
 Lee Dagna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
 Debbie Harrington, Clerk

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-18

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City and the Town of Baldwin are governmental entities authorized to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements pursuant to La. Const. Art. VI, Sec. 20 and Art. VII, Sec. 14 (c); and

WHEREAS, the City has declared eight Safety Vision Primafacie 32G body camera units and one Primafacie Docking Station surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Baldwin Police Department is in need of the body cams and docking station.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Morgan City and the Town of Baldwin for the donation of 8 body cams and docking station.

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 28th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dagna
 Lee Dagna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
 Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that the City was interested in leasing a new Street Sweeper and the lease documents needed to reflect the change; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-19

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION
OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH
CADENCE EQUIPMENT FINANCE, A DIVISION OF CADENCE BANK

WHEREAS, THE City Council, the Governing Body ("Governing Body") of City of Morgan City, Louisiana (the "Lessee"), acting for and on behalf of the Lessee hereby finds, determines and adjudicates as follows:

1. The Lessee desires to enter into an Equipment Lease-Purchase agreement with the Lease Schedule and Exhibits attached thereto in substantially the same form as attaches hereto as "Exhibit A" (collectively, the "Agreement") with Cadence Equipment Finance, a division of Cadence Bank (the "Lessor") for the purpose of leasing with the option to purchase the equipment as described therein for the total cost specified therein (the "Equipment").
2. It is in the best interest of the public purposes of the Lessee that the Lessee lease with an option to purchase the Equipment pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Agreement; and
3. It is necessary for the Lessee to approve and authorize the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of Morgan City, Louisiana, for and on behalf of the Lessee as follows:

Section 1. The Agreement and Exhibits attached thereto in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A" by and between the Lessor and the Lessee is hereby approved and Mayor Lee Dragna (the "Authorized Officer") is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Lessee.

Section 2. The Agreement is being issued in calendar year 2024.

Section 3. Neither any portion of the gross proceeds of the Agreement nor the Equipment identified to the Agreement shall be used (directly or indirectly) in a trade or business carried on by any person other than a governmental unit, except for such use as a member of the general public.

Section 4. No portion of the rental payments identified in the Agreement (a) is secured, directly or indirectly, by property used or to be used in a trade or business carried on by a person other than a governmental unit, except for such use as a member of the general public, or by payments in respect of such property; or (b) is to be derived from payments (whether or not to Lessee) in respect of property or borrowed money used or to be used for a trade or business carried on by any person other than a governmental unit.

Section 5. No portion of the gross proceeds of the Agreement are used (directly or indirectly) to make or finance loans to persons other than governmental units.

Section 6. The Authorized Officer is further authorized for and on behalf of the Governing Body and the Lessee to do all things necessary in furtherance of the obligations of the Lessee pursuant to the Agreement, including execution and delivery of all other documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the transactions contemplated thereby in accordance with the terms and provisions thereof.

Section 7. The Lessee desires to designate the Agreement as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" of the Lessee, as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). The aggregate face amount of all tax-exempt obligations (excluding private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) issued or to be issued by the Lessee and all subordinate entities thereof during the current calendar year is not reasonably expected to exceed \$10,000,000. The Lessee and all subordinate entities thereof will not issue or enter into in excess of \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (including the Agreement, but excluding private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) during the current calendar year, without first obtaining an opinion of nationally recognized counsel in the area of tax-exempt municipal obligations acceptable to the Lessor that the designation of the Agreement as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" will not be adversely affected.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Leonard, Bias Hymel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Domangue

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the Engineering Master Services Agreement; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R:24-20

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of contracting with an engineer to coordinate and prepare reports, prepare plans, specifications and bid documents, and assist in advertisement for bids, bid evaluation and contract award on various projects, and

WHEREAS, the firm of C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, L.L.C. has submitted a master services agreement proposal to accomplish this.

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, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, L.L.C, for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, to perform professional services for the City of Morgan City.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Leonard, Hymel, Bias, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Domangue

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that a new firm would be representing the City and its liability insurance claims and an engagement needed to be authorized; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-21

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of engaging the services a company to manage and administer the City's General Liability Insurance claims; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) had submitted a proposal to accomplish this; and

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, empowered, and directed to execute the agreement with Louisiana Claims Administrators for the purpose of managing and administering the City's General Liability Insurance Claims.

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 28th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The public hearing for the Adoption of the Millage Rates was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on April 23, 2024. Published by title on May 1, 2024.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-06

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAX TO BE ASSESSED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024.

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 THIRTY EIGHT MILLION, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX and no/100 DOLLARS (\$138,986,326.00) 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 2024 there is hereby levied upon all property within said City, subject to taxation, an ad valorem tax of FIFTEEN AND EIGHTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (15.85) mills on the dollar, upon the assessed value of

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX and no/100 DOLLARS (\$138,986,326.00).

SECTION 3

That for the purpose of paying the maintenance and other such expenses of the Municipal Auditorium for the year 2024, there is hereby levied a tax of ONE AND NINETY-SEVEN ONE HUNDREDTHS (1.97) mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX and no/100 DOLLARS (\$138,986,326.00).

SECTION 4

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.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 28th day of May, 2024.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 8:15 AM, this 29th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 29th day of May, 2029.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 8:30 AM on May 29, 2024.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: May 31, 2024

The public hearing for the rolling forward of the Millage Rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rates was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on April 23, 2024. Published by title on May 1, 2024.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-07

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAX TO BE ASSESSED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024.

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 THIRTY EIGHT MILLION, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX and no/100 DOLLARS (\$138,986,326.00) 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 2024 there is hereby levied upon all property within said City, subject to taxation, an ad valorem tax of

SIXTEEN AND SEVEN ONE HUNDREDTHS (16.07) mills on the dollar, upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX and no/100 DOLLARS (\$138,986,326.00).

SECTION 3

That for the purpose of paying the maintenance and other such expenses of the Municipal Auditorium for the year 2024, there is hereby levied a tax of TWO (2.0) mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX and no/100 DOLLARS (\$138,986,326.00).

SECTION 4

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.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 28th day of May, 2024.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 8:15 AM, this 29th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 29th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 8:30 AM on May 29, 2024.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: May 31, 2024

Mayor Dragna submitted the name of Lane Hudson for appointment to the Cemetery Committee. A motion to concur in the appointment was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

A request for the 2024-2025 Class A and Class B Beer License renewals for the following establishments was submitted:

2024-2025 CLASS A & CLASS B BEER LICENSE RENEWAL

Atchafalaya Café LLC	7310 Hwy 182E
Bay City Bistro	608 Front St
Bourbon's	501 First St.
Café JoJo's	624 Front Street
Cajun Country Lounge	1226 Victor II Blvd
Cannata's Food World	Corner 7 th & Brashear Avenue
Circle K #4640-DC 36	7700 Highway 90
Circle K Store #2706821	6383 Highway 90
Comfort Inn & Suites	610 MLK Blvd
Cou – Yons Bar LLC	117 Railroad Ave
CVS Drug Store	6502 Highway 182
Daiquiri's & Company	7550 Highway 90
Dollar General Store #1974	818 Brashear Ave
Dollar General Store #23803	7518 Highway 182
Don Jose's Grill	605 MLK Blvd

East Gate BBQ
Family Dollar #21124
Family Dollar #30946
Fifth Street Store
Friend's Tavern
G & J Land and Marine
Ganaway's #1
Just 4 Him Morgan City
La Morita Meat Market LLC
Las Brisas, LLC
Links Café
Ma Ma G's
Mel-Star, Inc.
One Stop
Paradise Valley Casino
Paradise Valley Daiquiris
Petroleum Club of Morgan City
Pool Do's Sports Bar
Quick General Mini Market
Rouse's Supermarket #10
SAAS Hotel LLC
Smoke-N-Go #415
Sports Bar
Stazione II
Sushiro Steak House
Table Five
Tampico Restaurant, Inc.
The Chocolate Factory
The Galley
Victor II Deli
Walgreen #10975
Wal-Mart #7099

7516 Hwy 182E
900 7th Street
7535 Hwy 182E
701 Everett Street
6815 Highway 182E
506 Front St.
1409 Federal Avenue
1115 Nine St.
1230 Victor II Blvd
7418 Hwy 182E
1118 Victor II Blvd
7540 Highway 90
620 ½ Mlk Blvd.
7028 Highway 182E
1116 Victor II Blvd
1114 Victor II Blvd
500 Roderick Street
615 Brashear Ave
2407 Sixth Street
6403 Highway 90
520 Roderick St.
7521 Highway 182E
7419 Highway 182
6602 Highway 90
6214 Highway 182E
702 Fifth St.
Inglewood Mall
319 Second Street
7409 Hwy 182E
1220 Victor II Blvd
815 Brashear Ave
1002 Hwy 70

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

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn with a moment of silence for Mr, Logan Fromenthal was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by and voted unanimously in favor.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor