OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
JULY 28, 2026

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, Steve Domangue, Thomas Hutchinson, Jr., Tim Hymel, and Bonnie Leonard.

Absent: None

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Tommy Fromenthal.

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

Judge Kim Stansbury said that there was a building for sale on the highway that he thought would be a good place to house the Juvenile Services Program. There was a fund set up years ago that would pay for the building, although $200,000 was currently tied up in a CD. He said the building they were currently housed in was owned by the Parish, and they did not make repairs to the building. Repairs of over $100,000 had been completed by the Juvenile Services Program in the past, and he did not think that spending more money on a building that was not being kept up was a good idea; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-28

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Juvenile Services Program is in need of a building to serve as a place to manage court cases, provide supervision for at-risk youth, and coordinate juvenile justice programs; and

WHEREAS, the building located at 7343 Highway 182 East is currently for sale; and

WHEREAS, the City has a Special Account funded by assessing a non-refundable fine, not to exceed twenty dollars, in all criminal matters, including traffic offenses; and

WHEREAS, the Special Account has the monies to fund the purchase of this building.

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 7343 Highway 182 East in the amount of not more than Three Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Dollars ($389,000.00).

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Chief Chad Adams requested permission to hold the National Night Out in conjunction with the Doric Lodge #87 F&AM. The event would take place on October 13, 2026, from 5 PM to 8 PM in Lawrence Park. A motion to approve the event was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Michael Ruffin with Da Kik requested permission to hold a block party outside his business on September 5 from 2 PM to 7 PM. He said there would be a BBQ, and 15 local clubs from the surrounding area would attend. He thought that two police officers would suffice, just for crowd control at the event. Mayor Dragna said that with the Shrimp & Petroleum Festival taking place that weekend, officers would already be spread thin, and working a lot of overtime. Chief Chad Adams said he would like to talk logistics with Mr. Ruffin, and Mr. Ruffin agreed. A motion to allow the Block Party on September 5 from 2 PM to 7 PM, contingent on both parties working out the logistics to the satisfaction of the Chief, was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Vanessa Spinella with Morgan City Main Street had previously requested permission to hold the annual Christmas Festival in Lawrence Park of November 29. She said in the past, there had been problems with smoking as well as motorized vehicles at the event, and requested that it be designated as tobacco-free and no motorized vehicles be allowed at the event. The park would be cordoned off, there would be bike racks, and a designated smoking area would be set up. A motion to make the event tobacco-free and not allow motorized vehicles was made by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Chase Pickens, acting Director of Recreation and Culture, gave an update on the Swimming Pool construction and floating docks at Lake End Park that some of the councilmen had asked about. He said that the pool should be completed by the end of September. There would be lap swim, open swim, and swimming lessons. Advertisements for lifeguards would begin soon. He looked forward to adding swimming lessons back into the Daycamp schedule beginning in 2027. The dressing rooms would be addressed before opening. In other business, he said the floating docks purchased last year for Lake End Park were going to be put together, and the pylons would be placed using Mayor Dragna's barge.

Mr. Sheldon Price with the Cajun Association Rodeo requested permission to hold a rodeo at the Morgan City Arena on October 3. It would include bull riding, mutton busting, and other events. Slack would begin earlier in the day, and the actual rodeo would begin at 7:30. There would be a local group selling refreshments and alcohol, but everything would be finished by 10 PM. Pastor Bias pointed out that there was a community right across the railroad tracks from the arena and wanted to make sure the event would be completed by 10 PM. A motion to allow the rodeo was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Cornell Keeler addressed the Council regarding the Krewe of Hannibal. He said that the Auditorium had given away the date for their annual Mardi Gras Ball to another group and he wanted the date back. There had been a five hundred dollar deposit that went with the date as well. Mr. CE Bourg also spoke on behalf of Mr. Keeler stating that the date should be given back to him. Mayor Dragna said there was a judgement from Judge Hamilton of the 16th Judicial District that stated that the other party in question was in charge of the Krewe monies, and the City would not go against a Judge. He said it was a civil matter, and he should go in front of a judge if he would like it changed.

Mrs. Lillie Escort requested permission to hold the annual Thanksgiving feeding on November 7, 2026, from 12 PM to 3 PM under the bridge. They would need trash cans, tables, and water once again this year. Mr. Solar said there would be a fishing tournament in town that day that was going to be using the area under the bridge from Front Street, and wanted to be sure that the feeding would take place between Federal Avenue and Third Street. Mrs. Escort said that is where it would take place. A motion to allow the feeding under the US 90 Bridge between Federal Avenue and Third Street on November 7, 2026 from 12 PM to 3 PM was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

The minutes of the June 23, 2026 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Brian Joubert with Kolder, Slaven & Company gave the annual audit report for the City for the year ending December 31, 2025 (copy on file).

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2026.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: July 28, 2026
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended June 30, 2026.

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 June 30, 2026. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: The position did not change much with revenues currently over budget by $365,767. Operating expenses are under budget $208,953. The net loss of $1,450,714 is a positive variance of $574,720 as compared to the adopted budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues remain under budget again this month by $921,838. The operating expenses are over budget by $359,733, of which $377,000 is purchased power costs. The net income, after transfers, of $48,023, creates an unfavorable variance compared to the budget of $1,194,503.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are $51,856 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by $133,221. The net income, after transfers, of $89,237 leaves a positive variance of $191,451.

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

CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended JUNE 30, 2026

	JUNE 2026 ACTUAL	JUNE 2026 BUDGET	VARIANCE	JUNE 2025 ACTUAL
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS				
REVENUES				
General Fund	4,374,096	4,087,164	286,932	4,027,253
Recreation Fund	80,653	51,774	28,879	74,435
Library Fund	1,650	1,806	(156)	3,082
Auditorium Fund	58,584	44,928	13,656	50,915
Lake End Park Fund	722,352	685,896	36,456	574,075
Cemetery Fund	25,332	50,060	(24,728)	77,004
State Prisoner Fund	136,266	141,626	(5,360)	102,312
Total Revenues	5,237,335	4,871,568	365,767	4,909,076
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL				
General Fund	6,283,800	6,602,456	(318,656)	6,150,979
Recreation Fund	363,277	361,760	1,517	274,027
Library Fund	73,858	112,733	(38,875)	73,487
Auditorium Fund	408,111	280,141	127,970	328,397
Lake End Park Fund	315,581	319,708	(4,127)	487,986
Cemetery Fund	145,317	126,475	18,842	133,021
State Prisoner Fund	343,004	338,628	4,376	331,362
Total Expenses	7,932,948	8,141,901	(208,953)	7,779,259
TRANSFERS				
Transfers from Funds	2,425,000	2,390,000	35,000	1,688,695
Transfers to Funds	(1,180,101)	(1,145,101)	(35,000)	(839,012)
Net Transfers	1,244,899	1,244,899	-	849,683
Excess(deficiency) net of transfers	(1,450,714)	(2,025,434)	574,720	(2,020,500)
UTILITY FUND				
Total Revenues	12,656,143	13,577,981	(921,838)	11,454,672
Total Expenditures	11,034,959	10,675,226	359,733	10,380,383
Net Excess	1,621,184	2,902,755	(1,281,571)	1,074,289
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,573,161)	(1,660,229)	87,068	(1,116,918)
Excess net of transfers	48,023	1,242,526	(1,194,503)	(42,629)
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND				
Total Revenues	1,739,885	1,688,029	51,856	1,732,208
Total Expenses	2,328,791	2,462,012	(133,221)	2,210,489
Net Excess	(588,906)	(773,983)	185,077	(478,281)
Net Transfers/non- operating expenses	678,143	671,769	6,374	750,878
Excess net of transfers and non-operatin	89,237	(102,214)	191,451	272,597

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

Mr. Mike Loupe , Director of Public Works, said that the Yearlong Road Maintenance No. 1 project term was up, and a certificate of substantial completion needed to be signed; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-29

WHEREAS, the firm of Gray Construction Corp. has substantially completed the work done under contract No. R:25-16 for the Road Maintenance and Construction, No. 1 project, dated April 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has requested that this work be put in the lien period, and

WHEREAS, the engineer for the project has recommended acceptance of said project as substantially complete, to begin the forty-five (45) day lien period with no items remaining to be done, and

WHEREAS, before final payment is made, the engineer will so certify to the City that the project is fully complete and approve the payment of the retainage,

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 to execute the “Certificate of Substantial Completion” and that a copy of this resolution, along with said “Certificate” be filed with the Clerk of Courts of the Parish of St. Mary to initiate the forty-five (45) day lien period for the work done under the above mentioned contract.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna said that under a cooperative endeavor agreement, the Chamber of Commerce had placed a building on the land near the petting zoo to use as an office. They had now vacated the building, which appraised at $35,000, and offered to sell it to the city at a reduced price of $25,000 due to the years of using the property rent free. It was planned to be used as a new site for the Recreation Department, which would put it closer to the Complex Park, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Auditorium, and Petting Zoo. The old Recreation building would be used for storage; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-30

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City owns the municipal property located at 727 Myrtle Street; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution R: 10-26, dated May 25, 2010, the City of Morgan City and the St. Mary Parish Chamber of Commerce entered into a lease agreement for the Myrtle Street property; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce placed an office building on the property; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce has officially vacated the building located on this city-owned property; and

WHEREAS, a recent professional property evaluation placed the value of the vacated building at Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,0000.00); and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of the longstanding partnership between the City of Morgan City and the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber has offered to sell the vacated building to the City for the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to determine the future use, maintenance, or disposition of the property to best serve the citizens of Morgan City; and

WHEREAS, the City has the money to fund the purchase of this building.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of Morgan City, Louisiana, that it hereby authorizes the purchase of the vacated building located at 727 Myrtle Street, from the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce for the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00).

Mr. Hutchinson seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needed to be signed with the Morgan City Development District to lease Shannon School from them before the repairs were made. He said that Charter Schools USA had expressed interest in leasing the building once the necessary updates were made. Mr. Hymel stated that he wanted to publicly say that he was not in favor of a charter school. He felt it would hurt the public and parochial schools in the City. He said he would vote in favor of a lease, and updates to the building because he would like to see something done with the building; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-31

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Development District was created with the purpose of accepting title from or contracting with the City concerning any or all immoveable property and improvements owned or acquired by the city, utilizing any land, immovable and moveable property, and improvements to enhance economic benefits generated in the City through planning, developing, building, constructing, operating, regulating, maintaining, selling, and transferring any residential or subdivision land, real and personal property, and improvements; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with an public or private association, corporation, or individual with regard to cooperative financing and other economic development activities the procurement and development of immovable property, join planning and implementation of public works, the joint use of facilities, joint research and programs implementation activities, joint funding initiatives, and other similar activities in support of public education, community development, housing rehabilitation, economic growth, and other public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City transferred title to the Property to the District via donation on July 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the city desires to lease the building from the Morgan City Development District; and

WHEREAS, a cooperative endeavor agreement needs to be signed to allow the City to lease the property from the Morgan City Development District.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the city of Morgan City 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 Morgan City Development District.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES:	Hutchinson, Leonard, Bias, Domangue, Hymel
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mr. Domangue stated that Morgan City Excel wanted the Atchafalaya Gateway Trail to be established to connect the walking trails in both Morgan City and Berwick at the bridges. Berwick council had already passed the same resolution; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-32

A RESOLUTION establishing and launching the **"ATCHAFALAYA GATEWAY TRAIL,"** with the City of Morgan City and the Town of Berwick as founding partners, anchored by the historic Long–Allen Bridge crossing; inviting the other municipalities and communities of St. Mary Parish, the government of St. Mary Parish, and partner agencies to join;and providing for related matters.

WHEREAS, by Act No. 594 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, effective July 5, 2004, and codified at La. R.S. 49:170.13, the Legislature designated St. Mary Parish as the "Gateway to the Atchafalaya Basin"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City sits at the confluence of the Atchafalaya River, the Lower Atchafalaya River, and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, standing as the last city before the river reaches the Gulf of Mexico and as a true gateway between the Basin and the coast; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Berwick established the parish's first dedicated recreational trail, which has been expanded over the years, remains in daily use, and has served as the model upon which neighboring communities have built; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City developed its own multi-mile pedestrian and bicycle network with the support of more than $100,000 from the H&B Young Foundation toward city trail planning and engineering, the importance of a unified trail system was recognized in the 2018 Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Panel study, and the City was subsequently awarded a federal RAISE grant of $16.7 million to fund more than half of the system; and

WHEREAS, the historic Long–Allen Bridge (La. 182), completed in 1933 and connecting Morgan City and Berwick across Berwick Bay, provides a unique elevated pedestrian and bicycle crossing that unites the two communities and forms the first contiguous, cross-jurisdiction segment of a parish-wide trail; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City and the Town of Berwick, together forming the eastern gateway to the Atchafalaya Basin, are prepared to launch a shared trail identity that neighboring communities and the parish may join, at their own pace and on their own terms; and

WHEREAS, naming this connected network the "Atchafalaya Gateway Trail" gives lasting physical and public expression to the Legislature's designation of St. Mary Parish as the "Gateway to the Atchafalaya Basin," and honors the river that has shaped the history, culture, and economy of this parish for generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

SECTION 1. Establishment. The City of Morgan City and the Town of Berwick, as founding partners, hereby establish and name their connected network of existing and planned pedestrian and bicycle trails the "Atchafalaya Gateway Trail."

SECTION 2. Founding Segment. The pedestrian and bicycle trails of Morgan City and Berwick, together with the Long–Allen Bridge crossing that joins them across Berwick Bay, are recognized as the founding and anchor segment of the Atchafalaya Gateway Trail and as a demonstration of the connected parish-wide trail to come.

SECTION 3. Local Names Retained. The individual trail segments within each jurisdiction shall retain any local names by which they are also known; the Atchafalaya Gateway Trail serves as a shared, unifying identity and does not replace or diminish any community's own trail name.

SECTION 4. Branding, Signage, and Wayfinding. The adopting body endorses a consistent name, logo, signage, and wayfinding standard for the Atchafalaya Gateway Trail, and authorizes the appropriate officials to coordinate the placement of unified trail signage and interpretive markers as funding allows.

SECTION 5. Invitation to Join. The adopting body respectfully invites the Cities of Patterson and Franklin, the Town of Baldwin, the communities of Amelia, Bayou Vista, Charenton, Centerville, Siracusaville, and the other communities of the parish, the government of St. Mary Parish, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (as steward of the Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge trails), the St. Mary Parish Levee District, and the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana to join in connecting and co-branding their trails as part of the Atchafalaya Gateway Trail, each on its own terms and consistent with its own authority and identity.

SECTION 6. Coordination. The adopting body authorizes its officials to coordinate the development, branding, maintenance, and promotion of the Atchafalaya Gateway Trail with St. Mary Excel, Inc., and its Atchafalaya River Coastal Hub (ARCH) initiative, the Atchafalaya Trace Commission, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, the Cajun Coast Visitor & Convention Bureau, and other partner agencies and organizations.

SECTION 7. Transmittal. A certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the City of Morgan City, the Town of Berwick, the government of St. Mary Parish and its municipalities, St. Mary Excel, Inc., and such other agencies and partners as the adopting body deems appropriate.

SECTION 8. Effect. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:
AYES: Domangue, Bias, Hutchinson, Hymel, Leonard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needed to be signed with the Louisiana DOTD for the donation of materials that were going to be milled up during the upcoming road repairs done by the state. He said it was estimated to be about a million dollars worth of RAP and would be placed near the Wastewater Treatment Plant, or at Lake End Parkway; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-33

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City and the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, 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 Louisiana State Constitution, Article 7, § 14 (B0 (9) authorized the donation by the State of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) from state roads and highways to the governing authority of the Parish or municipality from which it is taken; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City is in need of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of in-place roadway RAP.

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 State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development for the donation of reclaimed asphalt pavement.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:
AYES: Hutchinson, Leonard, Bias, Domangue, Hymel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The final resolution on the agenda was surplus equipment; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-34

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:

1. 2003 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71W13X200267	Police Department
2. 2022 Chevy Tahoe VIN #1GNSCLED2NR202278	Police Department
3. 2011 Ford Mercury VIN #2FABP7BV2BX152765	Police Department
4. 2004 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAHP71W84X178195	Police Department
5. 2013 Chevy Tahoe VIN #1GTCS14591K150505	Police Department
6. 2005 Chevy Impala VIN #2G1WF52E759289589	Police Department
7. 2012 Chevy Tahoe VIN #IGNLC2ED8CR207347	Police Department
8. 2002 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71W85X144878	Police Department
9. 1995 Chevy C2500 VIN #1CGFC24H2SZ248715	Public Works
10. 2005 Chevy Silverado VIN #1GCEC14Z55Z281324	Mosquito Abatement
11. 2005 Ford F250 SD VIN #1FTD20565EC36738	Utility Department
12. 2008 Ford F250 SD VIN #1FTSX20558EE39995	Public Works
13. 2003 Ford F250 4 door VIN#1FTSW205X8EE39994	Public Works
14. 2003 Ford F250 VIN #1FTNXZ0L03EC63362	Public Works
15. 1995 Chevy Cheyanne VIN #1GCFC24H2Z248715	Public Works

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

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:
AYES: Bias, Hymel, Domangue, Hutchinson, Leonard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The first reading of the Morgan City Horse Arena Commission creation was the next matter on the agenda. No definitive action was necessary.

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

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on June 23, 2026. Published by title on July 1, 2026.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 26-13

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING AND CONTINUING THE EXISTING OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY OF THE WARD 6 CITY MARSHAL OF THE CITY OF Morgan City, LOUISIANA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to formally recognize and continue the long-established operational authority and law enforcement functions historically exercised by the elected Ward 6 City Marshal and Deputy Marshals within their lawful jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS

The Office of the Ward 6 City Marshal has historically operated as an active law enforcement agency serving the citizens of Morgan City and surrounding areas within its lawful jurisdiction; and

The City Marshal and Deputy Marshals have continuously exercised law enforcement authority including, but not limited to:

- Making lawful arrests
- Issuing traffic and criminal citations
- Conducting traffic enforcement
- Executing warrants and court orders
- Assisting in criminal investigations
- Participating in narcotics and interdiction operations
- Assisting local, parish, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; and

The governing authority recognizes that these law enforcement services have contributed to the protection of public safety and the enforcement of laws within the community; and

The governing authority further recognizes the necessity of maintaining continuity in law enforcement operations and staffing to ensure uninterrupted public safety services; and

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted as limiting any authority granted to the City Marshal under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 3. CONTINUATION OF EXISTING OPERATIONS

The governing authority hereby recognizes and affirms the continuation of the existing law enforcement operations, practices, duties, and authority historically exercised by the Ward 6 City Marshal and duly appointed Deputy Marshals acting within the scope of Louisiana law.

The City Marshal's Office shall continue to perform its customary law enforcement duties and public safety functions as historically carried out prior to the adoption of this Ordinance pursuant to House Bill 1038.

SECTION 4. PERSONNEL

The governing authority recognizes the necessity for the City Marshal to maintain sufficient personnel necessary for the continued operation of the Marshal's Office and the delivery of law enforcement services to the public.

SECTION 5. PUBLIC SAFETY

The governing authority finds that maintaining continuity of law enforcement services through the Marshal's Office is necessary for the protection of life, property, and the general welfare of the citizens.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Leonard, Bias, Domangue, Hutchinson, Hymel
NAYS: None
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

Certified and adopted this 28th day of July, 2026.

Delivered to the Mayor at 8:30 am, this 29th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 29th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Delivered to the Mayor at 8:45 am, this 29th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: August 5, 2026

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

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor