OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
OCTOBER 27, 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 was Mr. Charlie Solar, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer.

The invocation was given by Reverend Ronnie Mabile.

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

Mayor Dragna mentioned that October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He also congratulated Mr. Domangue on coming out first place at the recent Roux Rumble Gumbo cookoff, with all proceeds benefiting Alzheimer's Research.

Mayor Dragna said that Mrs. Carley Wiley had submitted a request to use Lawrence Park on November 14, 2026 to hold the Sky Strong benefit (copy on file). A motion to approve the event was made by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Barry Dufrene addressed the Council regarding the upcoming St. Mary Parish home rule charter amendment that would be on the upcoming ballot. He gave a brief presentation and urged the Mayor, Council, and citizens to vote yes for the amendment (copy on file).

The minutes of the September 22, 2026 and October 15, 2026 meetings were submitted. Mr. Domangue stated that in the October 15 minutes, it showed that he asked a question, but did not include the answer. He asked that the answer be included in the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes with the addition was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: October 27, 2026
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended September 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 September 30, 2026. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: The revenues remain over budget by $496,057. Operating expenses are under budget $204,646. The net loss of $3,252,543 is still a positive variance of $1,045,650 as compared to the adopted budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues remain under budget again this month at $1,470,291. The operating expenses are over budget by $844,104, of which $595,000 is due to purchased power costs. The net loss, after transfers, of $24,252, creates an unfavorable variance compared to the budget of $2,228,149.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are $61,795 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by $30,621. The net income, after transfers, of $85,560 leaves a positive variance of $100,515.

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

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

	SEPTEMBER 2026 ACTUAL	SEPTEMBER 2026 BUDGET	VARIANCE	SEPTEMBER 2025 ACTUAL
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS				
REVENUES				
General Fund	6,144,077	5,713,291	430,786	5,927,628
Recreation Fund	100,237	68,541	31,696	98,144
Library Fund	1,670	2,703	(1,033)	4,058
Auditorium Fund	69,853	69,860	(7)	64,581
Lake End Park Fund	1,036,498	1,001,883	34,615	845,783
Cemetery Fund	61,384	75,080	(13,696)	106,279
State Prisoner Fund	195,089	190,163	4,926	147,520
Total Revenues	7,352,335	6,856,278	496,057	7,193,993
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL				
General Fund	9,475,968	9,742,490	(266,522)	9,373,019
Recreation Fund	475,429	518,219	(42,790)	373,400
Library Fund	105,434	167,286	(61,852)	107,378
Auditorium Fund	573,447	435,754	137,693	478,420
Lake End Park Fund	472,403	520,499	(48,096)	793,350
Cemetery Fund	277,527	198,041	79,486	193,906
State Prisoner Fund	502,815	505,380	(2,565)	499,616
Total Expenses	11,883,023	12,087,669	(204,646)	11,819,089
TRANSFERS				
Transfers from Funds	2,842,237	2,191,391	650,846	3,383,678
Transfers to Funds	(1,564,092)	(1,258,193)	(305,899)	(1,892,218)
Net Transfers	1,278,145	933,198	344,947	1,491,460
Excess(deficiency) net of transfers	(3,252,543)	(4,298,193)	1,045,650	(3,133,636)
UTILITY FUND				
Total Revenues	20,303,979	21,774,270	(1,470,291)	18,700,849
Total Expenditures	17,579,401	16,735,297	844,104	15,890,808
Net Excess	2,724,578	5,038,973	(2,314,395)	2,810,041
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(2,748,830)	(2,835,076)	86,246	(2,287,271)
Excess net of transfers	(24,252)	2,203,897	(2,228,149)	522,770
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND				
Total Revenues	2,610,726	2,548,931	61,795	2,594,266
Total Expenses	3,597,045	3,627,666	(30,621)	3,315,096
Net Excess	(986,319)	(1,078,735)	92,416	(720,830)
Net Transfers/non- operating expenses	1,071,879	1,063,780	8,099	1,082,715
Excess net of transfers and non-opera	85,560	(14,955)	100,515	361,885

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

The next matter on the agenda was the condemnation and demolition reports. Mayor Dragna said that the owners of the property at 516 Bowman were present and he would like to take up their property first. The owners asked the Council for an extension until the end of April to allow them to tear the house down themselves. A motion to give an extension until April 30, 2027, to allow the owners to tear down the house was made by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Jimmie Knight said that all documents were in order and requested that the house at 408 Lawrence Street be torn down. A motion to condemn and demolish the house at 408 Lawrence Street was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Knight said the house located at 503 Bowman Street had been in terrible condition for several years, and the neighbors had begun to complain. Mr. Knight said it should be torn down. A motion to condemn and demolish the house at 503 Bowman Street was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

The house located at 307 Lawrence Street had previously been brought to the Council because the owner's attorney, C.E. Bourg, had requested a hold on the condemnation and demolition. No work had been done on the house since that meeting. A motion to approve the condemnation and demolition of 307 Lawrence Street was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

In the matter of the AMEREX lawsuit, Mayor Dragna said that this class action settlement was expected to be substantially less than the last, but would be at no cost to the City; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-52

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS WITH AMEREX CORPORATION, ARCHROMA U.S., INC., CARRIER GLOBAL CORPORATION, AND NATION FORD CHEMICAL COMPANY IN THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS' PORTION OF THE MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION MATTER, IN RE: AQUEOUS FILM-FORMING FOAMS PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION, MDL 2:18-MN-2873-RMG, RELATING TO PFAS CONTAMINATION OF DRINKING WATER; AUTHORIZING MAYOR LEE DRAGNA TO COMPLETE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND EXECUTE ALL RELEASES AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENTS WITH AMEREX CORPORATION, ARCHROMA U.S., INC., CARRIER GLOBAL CORPORATION, AND NATION FORD CHEMICAL COMPANY IN THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS' PORTION OF THE MDL; AND AUTHORIZING OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE CLAIMS RELATED TO PFAS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2018, litigation involving the contamination of water and soil by Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) manufactured by various entities was consolidated in the United States District Court of South Carolina as the *In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation*, MDL 2:18-mn-2873-RMG, before the Honorable Richard M. Gergel; and

WHEREAS, settlements have been filed on behalf of manufacturers Amerex Corporation, Archroma U.S., Inc., Carrier Global Corporation, and Nation Ford Chemical Company to compensate public water systems, including the City of Morgan City,for the contamination and remediation of PFAS; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that it:

Section 1. Approves and incorporates the foregoing recital as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Authorizes the City of Morgan City to participate in the proposed Class Action Settlements with Amerex Corporation, Archroma U.S., Inc., Carrier Global Corporation, and Nation Ford Chemical Company in the Public Water Systems' portion of the multidistrict litigation matter, *In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation*, MDL 2:18-mn-2873-RMG, relating to PFAS contamination of public drinking water (hereinafter, the "MDL").

Section 3. Authorizes Outside Counsel to complete all documentation required to participate in the Amerex Corporation, Archroma U.S., Inc., Carrier Global Corporation, and Nation Ford Chemical Company Settlements for the Public Water Systems' portion of the MDL, such as Claims Forms, and designates Lee Dragna, Mayor, to verify claims on behalf of the City of Morgan City.

Section 4. Authorizes Lee Dragna, Mayor, to: (a) verify and approve documentation required to participate in the Amerex Corporation, Archroma U.S., Inc., Carrier Global Corporation, and Nation Ford Chemical Company Settlements for the Public Water Systems' portion of the MDL, such as Claims Forms, that is completed as authorized in Section 3; and (b) execute all releases and agreements necessary to finalize settlements of the Public Water Systems' portion of the MDL with Amerex Corporation, Archroma U.S., Inc., Carrier Global Corporation, and Nation Ford Chemical Company on behalf of the City of Morgan City.

Section 5. Authorizes Outside Counsel to: (a) continue pursuing the City of Morgan City's claims against the defendants remaining in the Public Water Systems' portion of the MDL; and (b) continue pursuing claims against any and all defendants, including Amerex Corporation, Archroma U.S., Inc., Carrier Global Corporation, and Nation Ford Chemical Company, that may be liable for damages to the City of Morgan City that extend beyond the City of Morgan City's public drinking water.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27th day of October, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna said that the GASB 75 Actuarial service had to be done every two years; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-53

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Morgan City to show, on its financial statements, its liability for other post employment benefits (OPEB); and,

WHEREAS, actuarial services are needed to prepare the calculation for this liability; and,

WHEREAS, the firm of Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting, LLC is currently preparing these calculations for the City of Morgan City; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been submitted by the firm of Fontenot Benefits and Actuarial Consulting, LLC to provide the necessary services for GASB 75 analysis in the amount of $3,750.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that (1) the proposal of Fontenot Benefits and Actuarial Consulting, LLC in the amount of $3,750.00 for providing the necessary actuarial services for a GASB 75 analysis be accepted and (2) that the Mayor be authorized to execute any documents necessary in connection with this matter.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27th day of October, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Dragna said that with our current City Attorney would soon to be sworn in as City Judge, and we needed to enter into a contract with a new attorney. Mrs. Tessa Seitzinger had submitted a proposal to perform those services; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-54

WHEREAS, the City has retained Tessa Seitzinger to represent the City as general counsel, said duties to include general legal services, consultation and preparation and review of contracts, leases and deeds; and

WHEREAS, a contract must be signed between the City and Tessa Seitzinger for said services.

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 Tessa Seitzinger for general counsel for the City.

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 27th day of October, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna said the 2027 Budget would be adopted at the November meeting to allow time to finalize the budget.

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