

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
APRIL 23, 2019

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 Frank P. Grizzaffi, III Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Steve Domangue, Tim Hymel and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: Mark Stephens.

Also present were Mr. Marcus Folse, Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Pastor Bias.

The Boy Scout Troops 41, 42 and 49 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mrs. Patrice Williams addressed the Council regarding the closure of the Morgan City side of the Long Allen Bridge for the Bikers on the Bayou event on July 13, 2019 from 9 AM – 2 PM. A motion to concur with the request was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Bishop Jerry Hebert was requesting use of the tennis courts in Lawrence Park on June 3 – June 6, 2019 from 8 AM to 10 AM to hold his seventh annual free tennis lessons for youth. A motion to concur with the request was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Ed Perot with the American Legion Freedom Ride invited the Mayor and Council to join them for their annual Freedom Ride and pig roast on Sunday, May 26. It was set to begin at 8:30 am and wreaths would be laid at Blue Star Memorials along the ride in honor of fallen veterans. A motion to support the Freedom Ride was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded Pastor Bias and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Jeff Matherne stated that he was helping the Block 27 Committee by digging up the Lawrence Park marker voluntarily. While out there, he was approached by a citizen asking if the marker could be moved to a more prominent location. He stated that during the main festival in the park, the marker was covered by a stage. He felt that the marker would be better placed at Freret and Second Streets. He stated that the Recreation & Parks Commission voted to move it if there was nothing stating that it could not be moved. Mr. Hymel stated that it had been there so long, and he had never really noticed the maker. He suggested sprucing up the area the marker was in and possibly creating two entrances to the park. Mr. Matherne stated that in 1950 the marker was placed in that spot and he felt it could now be relocated to a more prominent place. Mr. Hymel stated that his biggest concern was opposition from the family and any opposition that may surface down the road. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he had received a letter in opposition to the moving of the monument. He stated that the Council should do their due diligence and revisit the issue in the future.

Dr. Eric Melancon gave the Council an update of changes that had taken place at the Coroner's office since he had taken office (copy on file).

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Cajun Coast had been doing a tremendous job bringing events to our area. He stated that the Mississippi Bass Federation wanted to hold their qualifying tournament in our area. An agreement was made that would have the City put up a maximum of \$1,800 for the event. A motion to concur with the request was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Domangue and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Monica Mancuso, part of the St. Mary Excel group, stated that there was a ULI study done that suggested a Restaurant on Lake Palourde would be an asset to our area. Michelle Denning was in charge of the group working on that initiative but could not be at the meeting. The Request for Qualifications was fashioned after one that was composed by the

City of Lafayette. The Restaurant on the Lake Group was requesting that the proposal be considered by the Mayor and Council and that the flyer be posted on the City website. She stated that she was just presenting the information tonight and would like to put it out there and have a decision made to distribute the RFQ at the May City Council meeting.

The minutes of the March 26, 2019 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.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2019.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
DATE:	April 23, 2019
TO:	Mayor and Council
FROM:	Deborah Garber
RE:	Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended March 31, 2019.

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 March 31, 2019. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are slightly under budget by \$1,100. In General Fund, Sales tax is over budget by 15,000 but Occupational licenses are under budget by \$60,000. Operating expenses are below budget by \$112,500. The net loss, after transfers, of \$379,800 creates a favorable budget variance of \$111,400.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues remain under budget by \$330,100, which is in large part due to electric revenues. Operational expenses are also under budget by \$581,300, resulting in a net income, after transfers, of \$317,000 creating a favorable variance of \$263,700.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$23,200 under budget, with total operating expenses also under budget by \$55,500. The net income, after transfers, of \$185,500 leaves another favorable variance of \$32,300.

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

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT**

Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended March 31, 2019

	MARCH	MARCH	
	2019	2019	
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	1,433,496	1,454,523	(21,027)
Recreation Fund	26,409	28,013	(1,604)
Library Fund	4,085	3,253	833
Auditorium Fund	19,572	20,038	(466)
Lake End Park Fund	168,698	147,570	21,128
Total Revenues	1,652,260	1,653,396	(1,136)
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	2,498,290	2,511,283	(12,993)
Recreation Fund	60,720	80,153	(19,433)
Library Fund	25,373	37,395	(12,022)
Auditorium Fund	106,087	126,847	(20,760)
Lake End Park Fund	179,125	226,454	(47,329)

Total Expenses	2,869,595	2,982,132	(112,537)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	897,501	897,501	0
Transfers to Funds	(60,000)	(60,000)	0
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Net Transfers	837,501	837,501	0
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EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	<u>(379,834)</u>	<u>(491,235)</u>	<u>111,401</u>
UTILITY FUND			
Total			
Revenues	5,023,359	5,353,508	(330,149)
Total Expenditures	3,882,100	4,463,426	(581,326)
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Net			
Excess	1,141,260	890,082	251,177
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(824,256)	(836,772)	12,516
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Excess net of transfers	<u>317,004</u>	<u>53,310</u>	<u>263,693</u>
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total			
Revenues	748,405	771,597	(23,192)
Total			
Expenses	734,770	790,223	(55,453)
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Net			
Excess	13,635	(18,626)	32,261
Net Transfers/non-			
operating expenses	171,885	171,800	85
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Excess net of transfers	<u>185,520</u>	<u>153,174</u>	<u>32,346</u>
and non-operating			

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 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Baldwin for some police units that were declared surplus at the March Council meeting whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-16

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 four police units as surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Baldwin is in need of police units.

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 police units.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Chief Cockerham wanted to surplus some air bottles no longer needed by the Fire Department, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-17

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:

1. Cascade Bottle 4500 PSI 741694
2. Cascade Bottle 4500 PSI 741616
3. Cascade Bottle 4500 PSI 741591
4. Cascade Bottle 4500 PSI 741700
5. Cascade Bottle 4500 PSI 741618
6. Cascade Bottle 4500 PSI 741589

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that said items be donated to _ with the authorization of a cooperative endeavor agreement

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Stephenville Volunteer Fire Department had expressed interest in the air bottles, but a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needed to be signed with St. Martin Parish, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-18

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City and the St. Martin Parish – Stephenville Volunteer Fire Department 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 six Cascade bottles as surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Stephenville Volunteer Fire Department is in need of said bottles.

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 Parish of St. Martin for the donation of six Cascade Bottles.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the City was interested in declaring the contents and out buildings of the steam plant be surplus in order to clean the building out, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-19

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the following list of items from the Steam Plant below are hereby declared surplus and no longer needed:

1. Westinghouse KW5000 Turbine 15A2226-2
2. Westinghouse KW5000 Turbine 15A2226-1
3. Westinghouse KW20,000 Turbine 13A3386-1
4. Westinghouse KW38,000 Turbine 706161
5. Transformer PG78-01
6. Trransformer AS40930-001
7. Transformer SBT8369-0101
8. Transformer AS40919-001
9. Transformer -3 phase dry J10DB577
10. Transformer SET8370-0101
11. Westinghouse Feedwater Pump 1-A, 3-4v435
12. Westinghouse Feedwater Pump 1B, 1-4v435
13. Westinghouse Feedwater Pump 2A, 4-4v4351
14. Westinghouse Feedwater Pump 2-B, 2-4v4351
15. Motor 1 319E522611
16. Motor 2 319B522611
17. Feedwater pump 3A – 7275422002
18. Feedwater Pump 2 – 7275422001
19. Motor E.C-1 52K256BN2792
20. Motor E. C-2 52K256BN2792
21. Feedwater pump BFWP 2

22. Feedwater pump BFWP 1 – X326823A1-EY
23. Air Discharge 2 PG5417V10118
24. Air Discharge 1 PG5076V09282
25. Heatless Desiccant Dryer 533030
26. Westinghouse Motor 1 7307 model TBFC
27. Westinghouse Motor 2 7307 model TBFC
28. Vacuum pump – 73V2886
29. Induction Motor – GH74009
30. Westinghouse gear drive 73G57451
31. Westinghouse Direct Current Motor 73E81702
32. Induction Motor 2 GDJ724306
33. Induction Motor 1 GDJ724305
34. Induction Motor (on pallet) 1 ED1451990
35. Induction Motor (on pallet) 2 no serial number
36. Duty master AC Motor 1 1MA464493-G1-J7
37. Westinghouse Motor 24N3979
38. Joy 1 WG095
39. Joy 2 WG095
40. Metering Pump N656689-3
41. Pace Maker Motor 22130P-2
42. Goulds Pump 1 300525-1
43. Goulds Pump 2 300525-2
44. All outside items excluding substation (Boilers, coolers, towers, etc.)

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Hymel, Bias, Domangue

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stephens

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that in order to take part in the Louisiana Development Ready Communities Program, a resolution must be passed, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-20

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Development Ready Communities Program, a strategic effort by Louisiana Economic Development to assist all of Louisiana's communities to become more competitive in today's global economy, is a community assessment, strategic planning, leadership development and marketing planning process for cities, towns, and villages; and

WHEREAS, the program's requirements provide for involvement of individuals from both public and private sectors of the community including: elected and appointed municipal officials, municipal employees, community leaders and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Land Institute and St. Mary Excel did a full planning process in 2018, Morgan City and Louisiana Economic Development will accept the plan that was presented in early 2019 as their LDRC plan; and

WHEREAS, this city will receive any and all marketing benefits from LED associated with the LDRC plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City endorses and supports LED's Louisiana Development Ready Communities Program and its work plan and authorizes the St. Mary Excel committee, economic development officials, and chamber to continue implementation of the current public plan.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the 2019 Millage Ordinance. This was a first reading and no definitive action was necessary.

In the matter of the Pre-clearance for the Michelada House at 500 Front Street, Mr. Anthony Governale stated that there were not enough members on the Historic District to make a recommendation, so it was being brought in front of the Mayor and Council. It would be a pre-clearance to allow the owner to pursue a liquor license. Mayor Grizzaffi said the establishment would adhere to all the rules and regulations of the Historic District and the City. Mr. Governale said Mrs. Chaves planned to have video poker, serve breakfast and lunch and also serve as a drinking establishment. He stated that the parking may become a problem for G & J employees who currently park there. Mr. Tamporello suggested that they speak with the owners of G & J and get their input. Reverend Bias made a motion to allow Mrs. Chaves to pursue the liquor license process, seconded by Mr. Hymel and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi made a motion to place Linda Bradley on the Archives Commission, Mrs. Bethany Taylor Thibodaux on the Main Street Commission, Mrs. JoAnn Blanchard and Mrs. Jackie Cheramie on the Historic District Commission and Mrs. Angela Reynaud on the Convention Tourism and Culture, Main Street and Historic District Commissions. A motion to concur in the appointments was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi asked the meeting be closed with a moment of silence for a long time City Employee, Tracey Lajaunie, who had recently passed away unexpectedly.

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor