

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
AUGUST 22, 2017

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, James Fontenot, Tim Hymel, Mark Stephens and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: None

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Tommy Fromenthal.

There were no positive image recipients this month.

Tammy Rogers with Chez Hope, Tiger Verdin with Teche Action Clinic and Dolores Stewart with Community Action agency addressed the Council regarding the upcoming Fit, Fun and Fabulous Health Fair that would be held in Downtown Franklin on October 5, 2017 from 7:00 AM to 7 PM. They invited the Mayor, Councilmen and all citizens to come out and take part in the event.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that there was a request Jennifer McDill to hold the fifth annual Run with the Fuzz event on October 7, 2017. The event would end at Lake End Park and was being held to raise money for the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office Benevolent Association. A motion to allow the request was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Ann James, Elmo Anslum and Liz with the Animal Advocates of St. Mary addressed the Council regarding the use of Lawrence Park to hold the third annual Jeepers for the Creatures event. They stated that they had received approval from the Recreation & Parks Commission and would have their insurance policy to the City before the event took place. A motion to allow the use of Lawrence Park on October 14, 2017 from 11 AM to 4 PM was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Pat Cloutier addressed the Council regarding the property on Front Street that was not in FEMA compliance. He asked Mayor Grizzaffi what the final cost of the elevation of the structure was. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he thought the final number was \$167,258.12. Mr. Cloutier asked who paid to raise the building above the base flood elevation. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that after a neighbor complained about the building being in non-compliance, the City had filed an insurance claim. The insurance company felt the City was at fault and proceeded with the claim. The City was responsible for the first \$50,000 and the insurance carrier was responsible for the balance. Mr. Cloutier asked who paid for the cinder block and skirting around the building, the river sand, and an add-on landing on the side of the building. Mayor Grizzaffi reiterated that the City was responsible for the first \$50,000 and the insurance company was responsible for the balance. Mr. Cloutier asked if it would have been more responsible for the City to pay the \$40,000 permitted value of the building and demolish it. He also questioned if the property would be appraised and assessed for more now that it had been raised. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that would be the job of the Parish Assessor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Mrs. Beverly Domengeaux with the St. Mary Council on Aging wanted to let everyone know that the office had moved to 613 Second Street in Franklin and they would be holding an Open House and Ribbon Cutting at the new location on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending July 31, 2017.

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**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**DATE:** August 22, 2017  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Deborah Garber  
**RE:** Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended July 31, 2017.

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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 July 31, 2017. The following comments are related thereto:

**General and Ancillary Funds:** Actual total revenues are over budget by \$266,700. Sales taxes in General Fund remain over budget by \$74,000. Occupational licenses was still under budget but only by 84,000. Operating expenses are below budget by \$312,000. The net loss, after transfers, of \$730,000 is a favorable variance of \$429,300 compared to the budget.

**Utility Fund:** Actual revenues continue to be under budget by \$907,000, with operational expenses also under budget by \$819,700. Energy and gas costs are \$571,000 under budget. The net loss, after transfers, of \$655,000 creates an unfavorable variance of \$72,000.

**Sanitation and Sewer Fund:** The operating revenues are \$11,500 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$151,700. The net income, after transfers, of \$643,800 leaves a favorable variance of \$284,700.

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

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT**

Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget  
Period Ended July 31, 2017

	JULY 2017 ACTUAL	JULY 2017 BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS</b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
General Fund	3,384,324	3,174,690	209,634
Recreation Fund	108,968	76,938	32,030
Library Fund	11,012	8,180	2,832
Auditorium Fund	77,018	42,085	34,933
Lake End Park Fund	430,850	443,556	(12,706)
Total Revenues	4,012,172	3,745,449	266,723
<b>EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL</b>			
General Fund	5,706,855	5,850,222	(143,367)
Recreation Fund	263,813	311,982	(48,169)
Library Fund	78,124	80,412	(2,288)
Auditorium Fund	323,960	317,609	6,351
Lake End Park Fund	416,254	541,408	(125,154)
Total Expenses	6,789,006	7,101,633	(312,627)
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfers from Funds	2,308,667	2,458,670	(150,003)
Transfers to Funds	(262,000)	(262,000)	0
Net Transfers	2,046,667	2,196,670	(150,003)

<b>EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS</b>	<u>(730,167)</u>	<u>(1,159,514)</u>	<u>429,347</u>
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**UTILITY FUND**

Total Revenues	10,437,586	11,345,035	(907,449)
Total Expenditures	<u>9,109,325</u>	<u>9,929,080</u>	<u>(819,755)</u>
Net Excess	1,328,261	1,415,955	(87,694)
Net Transfers and non-oper.	<u>(1,983,344)</u>	<u>(1,998,927)</u>	<u>15,583</u>
Excess net of transfers	<u>(655,083)</u>	<u>(582,972)</u>	<u>(72,111)</u>

**SANITATION AND SEWER FUND**

Total Revenues	1,541,169	1,552,750	(11,581)
Total Expenses	<u>1,757,266</u>	<u>1,909,006</u>	<u>(151,740)</u>
Net Excess	(216,097)	(356,256)	140,159
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	<u>859,936</u>	<u>715,370</u>	<u>144,566</u>
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	<u>643,839</u>	<u>359,114</u>	<u>284,725</u>

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

Mayor Grizzaffi stated there was no LEPA report this month.

The next matter on the agenda was the Stephenville Water Contract. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the city was currently in negotiations with St. Martin Parish to allow them to read their own meters. At the present time, the City crews had to read, bill, repair and maintain all meters in Stephenville. The new proposal would include installing a master meter, billing the Water District at a bulk rate of \$.01 and allowing them to do their own billing, installation and meter reading, whereupon,

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R: 17-41**

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City has been supplying water to the Stephenville area for many year through a contract with the St. Martin Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, and

WHEREAS, it's present contract has expired and both parties are desirous of continuing this arrangement under new terms and a revised contract,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that a new contract with the St. Martin Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized, empowered, and directed to execute said contract for an on behalf of the City, hereby ratifying and confirming his act or acts in the premises.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Stephens, Bias, Fontenot, Hymel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017.

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Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the first reading of the Declare Surplus and Sale of Land Ordinance. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that this sale would be modeled on the last sale the City had completed. This was a first reading. No definitive action was necessary.

The next matter on the agenda was third reading of the 2017 Millage Ordinance. A public hearing was opened on the matter. No one appeared for or against said ordinance, whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on June 27, 2017 and a second reading on July 25, 2017. Published by title on June 26, 2017, June 28, 2017 and July 26, 2017.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 17-05

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAX TO BE ASSESSED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, in regular session convened:

SECTION 1

That for the purpose of paying the interest due on the first day of September, 2016, and the first day of March and September, 2017, upon the bonds issued by the City of Morgan City, for the auditorium dated March 1, 2000 (refunded March 1, 2013), there is hereby levied a tax of ONE AND TWENTY HUNDREDTHS (1.20) mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND, NINETY-THREE and no/100 DOLLARS (\$116,261,093)

SECTION 2

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 3

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.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Hymel, Fontenot, Stephens, Tamporello  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017.

Delivered to Mayor Grizzaffi at 1:00 PM, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

Received from Mayor Grizzaffi at 1:05 PM on August 24, 2017.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: August 28, 2017

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

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Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

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Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor