

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
AUGUST 25, 2015

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, Barry Dufrene, James Fontenot, Tim Hymel, 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 Tommie Fromenthal, Cornerstone Ministries.

Mr. David Hanagriff, candidate for St. Mary Parish President, introduced himself to the Mayor and Council and asked for their support in the upcoming election.

The minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending July 31, 2015.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: August 25, 2015
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, 2015.

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, 2015. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$477,800. Sales taxes in General Fund were under budget by 268,000. Operating expenses are below budget by \$190,000. The net loss, after transfers, of \$796,400 creates a favorable variance of \$667,800.

Utility Fund: Actual operating revenues are under budget by \$283,800, with operational expenses under budget by \$979,500. Energy and gas costs are \$635,000 under budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$507,600 creates a favorable variance of \$1,113,200.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$6,300 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$59,000. The net loss, after transfers, of \$50,700 leaves a favorable variance of \$73,250.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended July 31, 2015

July **July**
2015 **2015**

GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	3,710,117	3,227,138	482,979
Recreation Fund	124,537	129,164	(4,627)
Library Fund	9,981	14,008	(4,027)
Auditorium Fund	75,223	67,185	8,038
Lake End Park Fund	442,925	447,488	(4,563)
Total Revenues	4,362,783	3,884,983	477,800
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	5,919,705	6,084,814	(165,109)
Recreation Fund	390,016	294,523	95,493
Library Fund	72,529	73,289	(760)
Auditorium Fund	272,958	310,771	(37,813)
Lake End Park Fund	414,589	496,381	(81,792)
Total Expenses	7,069,797	7,259,778	(189,981)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	2,501,662	2,501,662	0
Transfers to Funds	(591,030)	(591,030)	0
Net Transfers	1,910,632	1,910,632	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(796,382)	(1,464,163)	667,781
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	11,601,668	11,885,485	(283,817)
Total Expenditures	9,504,560	10,484,080	(979,520)
Net Excess	2,097,108	1,401,405	695,703
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,589,523)	(2,007,104)	417,582
Excess net of transfers	507,585	(605,699)	1,113,284
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	1,657,822	1,664,117	(6,295)
Total Expenses	1,837,694	1,896,774	(59,080)
Net Excess	(179,872)	(232,658)	52,785
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	129,131	108,663	20,468
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	(50,741)	(123,995)	73,253

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

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he had received two proposals for municipal waste collection, hauling and disposal and he recommended that the City continue with the firm of Progressive Waste Management. He stated they had been doing a really good job with the garbage pickup and that the bid they had submitted was cheaper at \$15.50 compared to the bid of \$15.77 from Pelican Waste Management. Mr. Tamporello stated that it had been a long, drawn out process in deciding what to do with the garbage, and that the City had tried to do other things before privatizing the garbage collection. He stated that Pelican had no track record to look back on as far as home collection of garbage, and Progressive had been doing a great job for the city. Councilman Dufrene stated that he had always wanted to go with the same contractor that the Parish hired. He felt Progressive had been doing a good job collecting garbage for the City, but he thought that Pelican would have been able to do a good job as well. He asked Jay with Progressive if the plan was still going to be to provide the City with new equipment and a spare truck. He also wanted to know if the trucks would be housed in Morgan City. Mr. Jay Gunter with Progressive stated that they had been renting trucks, and that they had the ability to rent them at a moment's notice. He said the plan was to house the three Morgan City vehicles as well as an additional side loader within the City. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the City would also be in control of what landfill

will be used by Progressive, so the Parish would still get the tipping fees. He stated that they were currently negotiating a location on City property to rent to Progressive to house the trucks. He said the trucks would only leave the site for major repair issues. Reverend Bias stated that he had gained two good friends during the garbage proposals. He stated there were two sides to every story and Progressive had some problems in other places, but they were aware of them and had been working to remedy them. He felt that Pelican was new in the arena and had a zero and zero record, and Progressive had a one and zero record. He said he wanted to see the citizens of Morgan City save money and the good services continued. Mr. Fontenot stated that his constituents felt that if Progressive had been doing a good job and could provide the service to the citizens for cheaper than Pelican could, they felt the City should stay with Progressive. He stated that Progressive also had a 3 percent cap on the contract, and Pelican had a 4 percent cap, so he felt that was also of benefit to the City. Mr. Roddy Matherne with Pelican Waste stated that he hoped to continue his relationship with the Mayor and Council and that he appreciated their time. Mr. David Hanagriff, Parish Council member stated that he had voted to change the garbage collection contract for the Parish and he felt that Progressive was dealt a bad hand but he felt both the Parish and the City of Morgan City would receive tremendous garbage pickup for the next five years, whereupon

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-26

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of contracting with a private firm to perform the collection, hauling and disposal of its municipal solid waste, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Progressive Waste Management has submitted a proposal to accomplish this,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said Progressive Waste Management, for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, to perform the collection, hauling and disposal of municipal solid waste for the City of Morgan City.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Hymel, Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of August, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the Planning & Zoning Commission recommendations. Mr. Anthony Governale stated that the Commission had recommended that the property located at 2700 Sixth Street be divided into two distinct lots (copy on file). A motion to concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Governale stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission had recommended that the property located at 509 Third Street be divided into two distinct lots (copy on file). A motion to concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that there were two mowers that Public Works wanted to sell and they had to be declared surplus, whereupon,

Mr. Fontenot the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-27

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. Ex-Mark mower Model LX525K0605, Serial #644322
2. Ex-Mark mower Model LX525KD665, Serial #636265

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

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Fontenot, Hymel, Bias, Dufrene, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of August, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the steel sheet piling for the wharf project had been put out for bid, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 15-28

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the bid of JD Fields & Company, Inc. of Covington for furnishing steel sheet piling materials, for the Wharf Improvement project in the amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$225,000.00) being the least and most responsible bid received, be and the same is hereby accepted and awarded to JD Fields & Company, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said JD Fields & Company, Inc., for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for furnishing all steel sheet piling materials for the Wharf Improvement project.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Dufrene, Fontenot, Bias, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of August, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The parking ordinance was introduced. This was a first reading, no definitive action was necessary.

In the matter of the adoption of the solid waste ordinance, Mayor Grizzaffi stated that since the Council voted to enter into a contract with a waste disposal company, he felt the ordinance should have some changes made to it before adopting it. The council decided that the solid waste ordinance would be revised and would be up for adoption at the September meeting.

Revered Bias asked that the meeting be adjourned with a moment of silence for the fallen State Trooper Steven Vincent.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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