

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
DECEMBER 28, 2021

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 pm (local time) in regular session, this date, in the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium, 725 Myrtle Street, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present: Honorable Lee Dragna, Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Tim Hymel, Mark Stephens and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: Steve Domangue

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Mark Gowan.

The Positive Image recipient for the month of December was Martha Smilie. Mrs. Smilie was instrumental in the founding of the Morgan City Credit Union and worked there for over thirty years before retiring in November.

Auditorium manager Beth Chiasson suggested that the City Council raise the Municipal Auditorium Ball Room and Theater deposit rate from \$200 to \$500. She said in the past year the building had been left in a poor condition by several renters. She felt with a higher deposit, it would be more likely that renters would clean it up more thoroughly. She also asked that the rules be changed to require two police officers at any event with more than 50 people at which alcohol is served. A motion to approve the change in deposit for the auditorium as well as the police officer requirements was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Dragna told the Council that the City had been presented with a plaque by the Grand River Dam Authority in Oklahoma. They sent recovery workers to Louisiana after Hurricane Ida and they could not believe the hospitality the citizens showed them.

The minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending November 30, 2021.

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**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**DATE:** December 28, 2021  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Deborah Garber  
**RE:** Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended November 30, 2021.

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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 November 30, 2021. The following comments are related thereto:

**General and Ancillary Funds:** Actual revenues remain over budget by \$972,991. Sales tax revenues are currently \$413,000 over budget. Operating expenses are below budget by \$500,679. The net income, after transfers, of \$204,000 is a favorable variance of \$1,473,670 compared to the budget.

**Utility Fund:** The Utility fund is considerably better than previous month. Actual revenues remain under budget by \$943,850. The operational expenses are also under budget but only by \$480,547. The cost of purchased power and natural gas is under budget by \$400,409. The net income, after transfers, of \$8,939 creates an unfavorable variance again this month of \$195,098.

**Sanitation and Sewer Fund:** The operating revenues are slightly over budget this month by \$26,877, with total operating expenses under budget by \$116,083. The net income, after transfers, of \$729,342 leaves a favorable variance of \$141,307.

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

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT**

Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget  
Period Ended November 30, 2021

	NOVEMBER 2021	NOVEMBER 2021	
<b>GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
General Fund	7,256,525	6,403,049	853,476
Recreation Fund	94,400	113,602	(19,202)
Library Fund	27,238	13,306	13,932
Auditorium Fund	313,583	327,925	(14,342)
Lake End Park Fund	881,871	681,776	200,095
State Prisoner Fund	360,700	421,668	(60,968)
Total Revenues	8,934,317	7,961,326	972,991
<b>EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL</b>			
General Fund	9,713,790	9,939,017	(225,227)
Recreation Fund	325,604	512,361	(186,757)
Library Fund	76,485	106,782	(30,297)
Auditorium Fund	431,313	441,445	(10,132)
Lake End Park Fund	799,859	836,111	(36,252)
State Prisoner Fund	395,932	407,946	(12,014)
Total Expenses	11,742,983	12,243,662	(500,679)
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfers from Funds	3,476,667	3,476,667	0
Transfers to Funds	(464,000)	(464,000)	0
Net Transfers	3,012,667	3,012,667	0
<b>EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS</b>	<b>204,001</b>	<b>(1,269,669)</b>	<b>1,473,670</b>
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>			
Total			
Revenues	19,288,980	20,232,830	(943,850)
Total Expenditures	16,360,524	16,841,071	(480,547)
Net			
Excess	2,928,456	3,391,759	(463,303)
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(2,919,517)	(3,187,722)	268,205
Excess net of transfers	8,939	204,037	(195,098)
<b>SANITATION AND SEWER FUND</b>			
Total			
Revenues	2,702,863	2,675,986	26,877
Total			
Expenses	2,946,682	3,062,765	(116,083)
Net			
Excess	(243,819)	(386,779)	142,960
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	973,161	974,814	(1,653)
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	729,342	588,035	141,307

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

The next matter on the agenda was the Wastewater Treatment Plant Lease, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-36

WHEREAS, Lease No. R:83-154 between the City of Morgan City and the H & B Young Foundation for the Wastewater Treatment Plant has expired, and

WHEREAS, both parties are desirous of renewing the lease with updated terms.

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 in the name of and on behalf of the City of Morgan City to execute said lease between the City and the H & B Young Foundation.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

The first reading of the Surplus and Sale of the property near New Zorah Baptist Church was opened. No definitive action necessary.

The public hearing was opened on the Cemetery Ground Use ordinance. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on November 16, 2021. Published by title on November 19, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 30-32, BURIAL FEES, OF CHAPTER 30 – CEMETERIES, ARTICLE II – CITY CEMETERY.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 30-35, of Chapter 30, Cemeteries, Article II – City Cemetery, said section to read as follows:

CHAPTER 30

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ARTICLE II – CITY CEMETERY

Sec. 30-35. - Land utilization.

The land remaining available in the cemetery as of the effective date of Ordinance No. 90-3 shall be effectively utilized as follows:

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(2) The area of the current mausoleum configuration extending 225 feet from Clothilde Avenue heading towards Avoca Road shall be reserved exclusively for future ground plot burials, the restricted area being more particularly described as being bound on the north by Memorial Lane, on the east by Clothilde Avenue, on the south by the property line parallel to Young’s Road and on the west by the established line, 160 feet East of the property line parallel to Avoca Road.

(3) An area of construction of large tombs or monuments only shall be reserved, such area being parallel to Memory Lane; the reserved area shall be approximately 670 feet extending along or parallel to the south side of Memory Lane extending west from East Road to an established line, 160 feet East of the property line parallel to Avoca Road with a maximum width of 20 feet.

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SECTION 2

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected hereby. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage within the time prescribed by law.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 2:00 pm this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 2:00 pm on January 14, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: January 21, 2022

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

This ordinance was introduced with first reading on November 16, 2021. Published by title on November 19, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 22-31 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 22-31, Adoption of the Standard Building Code is hereby amended and re-enacted, said section to read as follows:

Section 22-31 – Adoption of the International Building Code.

Pursuant to the Louisiana Legislature enacted Act 12 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session, for the purpose of regulating the construction, alterations, repair, equipment, use and occupancy and maintenance of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to such buildings or structures, the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code as may from time to time be amended and promulgated by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council and all other applicable standards and appendices referenced in that code is hereby adopted and administered, in its current lawful adopted cycle, as the building code of the City of Morgan City. The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code is adopted for the purpose of regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures in the city; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary, and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees. To fully administer the applicable building codes within the city, the administration chapters of the various building codes are also hereby adopted and included as part of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code.

## SECTION 2

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected hereby. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage within the time prescribed by law.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 2:00 pm this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 2:00 pm on January 14, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: January 21, 2022

The public hearing was opened for the 2021 Amended Budget Ordinance. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on October 26, 2021 and a second reading on November 16, 2021. Published by title on October 29, 2021, November 19, 2021.

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

### ORDINANCE NO. 21-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance Number 20-08 dated November 17, 2020, the City Council adopted the operating budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, during the year certain amendments were deemed necessary,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that revenues for 2021 be amended to \$38,394,944 and the expenditures be amended to \$38,685,277 leaving a net deficiency of \$290,332.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that said net income be applied to the fund balance of \$22,182,040 leaving a fund balance of \$21,891,707 for the fiscal year ended 2021.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 2:00 pm this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 2:00 pm on January 14, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: January 21, 2022

Mayor Dragna offered the name of Mrs. Lettia Griffin for appointment to the Housing Authority Board. A motion to concur in the appointment was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello and voted unanimously in favor.

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