

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
JULY 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, Mark Stephens, and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: None

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Justin Le.

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

Raymond Price and Charlie Solar, Jr. requested permission to close the Long-Allen bridge on August 19, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM to hold the Tri-City Football Supports Team Blue walk. A motion to approve the bridge closure was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Domangue and voted unanimously in favor.

State Representative Beryl Amedee gave the Council an end of session report. She stated that this year a lot of minor technical things were passed. This year was a fiscal only session so the main focus was on the budget. She stated that 863 bills, 32 constitutional amendments and 872 resolutions were handled. There was a surplus so they were not coming from behind. A pay raise for teachers was passed and a small spending increase per pupil for K through 12 schools was passed as well. TOPS was funded as well as LSU football. In addition, they also dealt with abortion restrictions, medical marijuana laws and sports betting. An estimated \$700 million from the Deep-Water Horizon settlement would be dedicated to economic development towards improving bridges and roadway projects. They passed a bill that would expand Medicaid coverage to qualifying children with developmental disabilities. The minimum funding for the Councils on Aging was increased to \$100,000. Four constitutional amendments will appear on the ballot for voters including an educational excellence fund for the Louisiana Educational Television authority and ad valorem tax exemption in New Orleans. A newsletter would go out across her district next week with updates from the session as well.

Lee Dragna with the St. Mary Drainage District commended the City and employees on their quick response and cleanup following Hurricane Barry. He also stated that the City needed to be aware that many people were receiving their flood insurance renewals and the price had gone up considerably. Next year the price would be even higher due to the credits expiring. He urged the Mayor and Council to contact the Levee District to decide what to do with the Lake Palourde levees so that the levee system could be certified and the insurance rates could go down. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he had also received calls regarding the increase in flood insurance. He had spoken to Bill Hidalgo to get a timeline moving forward and he said he would get back with him.

The minutes of the June 25, 2019 regular meeting and the July 11, 2019 special meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2019.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: July 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 June 30, 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 June 30, 2019. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are now over budget by \$106,600. In General Fund, Sales taxes are now under budget by \$600. Operating expenses are below budget by \$150,000. The net loss, after transfers, of \$921,600 creates a favorable budget variance of \$261,600.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues remain under budget by \$1,018,800, which is consistently due to electric revenues. Operational expenses are also under budget by \$1,179,000 which is mainly due to being \$870,700 under budget in purchased power costs, resulting in a net income, after transfers, of \$125,000 creating a favorable variance of \$186,400.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues remain \$46,600 under budget, with total operating expenses also under budget by \$177,800. The net income, after transfers, of \$619,500 leaves another favorable variance of \$224,800.

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

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT**

Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended June 30, 2019

	JUNE 2019	JUNE 2019	
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	2,809,019	2,681,291	127,728
Recreation Fund	91,639	91,256	383
Library Fund	7,525	7,014	511
Auditorium Fund	56,184	61,814	(5,630)
Lake End Park Fund	360,066	376,398	(16,332)
Total Revenues	3,324,433	3,217,773	106,660
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	5,060,395	5,077,790	(17,395)
Recreation Fund	240,774	259,882	(19,108)
Library Fund	62,467	72,878	(10,411)
Auditorium Fund	214,696	247,819	(33,123)
Lake End Park Fund	367,720	437,627	(69,907)
Total Expenses	5,946,052	6,095,996	(149,944)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	1,860,000	1,855,000	5,000
Transfers to Funds	(160,000)	(160,000)	0
Net Transfers	1,700,000	1,695,000	5,000
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(921,619)	(1,183,223)	261,604
UTILITY FUND			
Total			
Revenues	10,209,813	11,228,682	(1,018,869)
Total Expenditures	8,310,415	9,489,603	(1,179,188)
Net			
Excess	1,899,398	1,739,079	160,319
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,774,439)	(1,800,546)	26,107

Excess net of transfers	124,959	(61,467)	186,426
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total			
Revenues	1,499,297	1,452,634	46,663
Total			
Expenses	1,458,639	1,636,479	(177,840)
Net			
Excess	40,658	(183,845)	224,503
Net Transfers/non-			
operating expenses	578,895	578,600	295
Excess net of transfers			
and non-operating	619,553	394,755	224,798

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

Mr. Gerald Thibodeaux with Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co. gave the annual audit report for the City for the year ending December 31, 2018 (copy on file).

Mr. Bill Cefalu, Utilities Director, stated that between Friday July 12 and Sunday July 22, 2019, close to 500-man hours of overtime had been logged. All of the worst electrical problems had been fixed, and now crews were going to work on the other loose ends. The first circuit to be put back on was on Sunday at 8:02am, and the last circuit was Monday at 12:36 PM. There were over 22 broken poles, and 20 had been changed to date. There were about 15 to 20 transformers on the ground, but they had been picked up and the oil had been cleaned by the environmental people. There had been some emergency purchasing of transformers from other utilities, but everything was now up and running.

Mr. Michael Loupe, Public Works Director, stated that to date 334 tons of debris had been picked up. There had been a meeting before the storm had ended regarding where to start and it was determined that Lakeside Subdivision would be first. Residents had begun piling their debris at a centralized location in Lakeside as well as one at Spinella Park. This seemed to help out tremendously. Lakeside, Walsh, Wyandotte, South of Railroad Tracks, LA 182 and Brashear all the way to Front Street, Sixth Street Federal Avenue, Victor II Boulevard, Second Street had all been picked up. The first pass would be finished in the next couple of days and then the crews would go around for one more pickup.

The Council members commended the Electrical Department, the Public Works Department, the Police and Fire Departments and all City employees on their response to Hurricane Barry.

The next matter on the agenda was the resolution of support for Hospital Service District Number #2, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-30

WHEREAS, Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Mary (HSD) has negotiated and signed a new lease agreement of its facilities with Ochsner Morgan City, LLC in order to continue and to improve the access to quality health care in the community; and

WHEREAS, the HSD has submitted the legally required application to the Honorable Jeff Landry, Louisiana's Attorney General, for the review and approval of the transaction; and,

WHEREAS, the expedited review and approval of the transaction is in the community's best interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, endorses and supports the planned lease of Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Mary's facilities to Ochsner Morgan City, LLC and that it respectfully calls upon the Honorable Jeff Landry,

Attorney General for the State of Louisiana, to expedite his review of the transaction and to approve the application forwarded by the Hospital Service District.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

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

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the name of Jan Larocca for appointment to the Historic District Commission and the names of Jackie Price and Greig Chauvin for appointment to the Historic District and the Main Street committee. A motion to concur in the appointments was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the final matter on the agenda was the resolution of respect for Jack Pratt, whereupon,

Messrs. Bias, Domangue, Hymel, Stephens, Tamporello offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-31
IN MEMORIAM
JACK ANTHONY PRATT

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom has taken Jack Anthony Pratt from our midst;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt was a native and resident of Morgan City, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he was a community volunteer and activist; and

WHEREAS, he was a local jail minister for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, he was a retired resource teacher and school counselor; and

WHEREAS, he was a local radio host; and

WHEREAS, he was the founder of the helping hearts Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he was the Assistant Pastor of Living in the Light Ministries; and

WHEREAS, he was the author of four books; and

WHEREAS, he was a transitional specialist for the Parish Wide Prison Re-entry Program; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife Arthur Marie Pratt and his children Angel Pratt, Jamie Pratt-Wagner, John Pratt, Jason Pratt, Jocquelyn Pratt, Tonya Pratt Doctry and Thai Pratt; and

WHEREAS, he will be missed by the many, whose lives he touched.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that all those in attendance at this meeting rise and bow their heads in silent prayer out of respect for the late Jack Anthony Pratt and extend to his bereaved family our sincere condolences in this, their hour of sorrow, and in these inadequate words endeavor to express the high regard in which we held him in life and honor his memory in death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this resolution be inscribed on a separate page of the official proceedings of this meeting; that a copy of this resolution be sent to his bereaved family; and that this meeting adjourn out of respect for the late Jack Anthony Pratt.

Messrs. Bias, Domangue, Hymel, Stephens, Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Domangue, Hymel, Stephens, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

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