

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
NOVEMBER 16, 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, Steve Domangue, Tim Hymel and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: Mark Stephens

Also present were Mr. Charlie Solar, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer.

The invocation was given by Pastor Randy Plessela.

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

Concerned citizens from Fifth Street addressed the council regarding barking dogs. The owner of the dogs did not live on the property, they were just kept there until needed for hunting. Mayor Dragna said that they had met with the Police Chief and the dog owner said he would move the dogs as soon as possible. He asked the citizens to call him if the dogs were not moved or if any other issues arose.

Mr. Clarence Robinson stated that he would present an \$80,635 PILOT check to Mrs. Deborah Garber after the Housing Authority meeting on Thursday. This would be for the years 2020 and 2021. He said that he appreciated the relationship between the City and the Housing Authority and that in the past seven and a half years the Housing Authority had been completely turned around. Mr. Tamporello asked how many people the Housing Authority housed from the storm. Mr. Robinson said he believed there were about five families now housed in Morgan City and the waiting list was now closed until January. Pastor Bias stated that he remembers when the Housing Authority was not in great shape and commended Mr. Robinson on turning it around. He said that he would like to sit down and discuss possibly bringing back some of the recreational and senior citizens programs that were offered in the past. Mr. Robinson said that a generator was currently being installed in the community center and other upgrades would soon be underway. Mayor Dragna said that the City would continue to help the Housing Authority in any way possible.

Mayor Dragna stated that he wanted to thank the Fire Department on their recent quick response to fires. Mr. Solar was at the Department during a recent fire call and went on to the scene with them. He was amazed at how quickly the fire was put out. He also thanked the Police Department and said they had been extremely busy catching criminals and there had also been a couple people shooting guns and those incidents were quickly solved.

The minutes of the October 26, 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. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending October 31, 2021.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: November 16, 2021
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended October 31, 2021.

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 October 31, 2021. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual revenues remain over budget by \$817,609. The City received Sales taxes this month that were considerably higher than budget in General Fund making those revenues \$470,000 over budget. Operating expenses are below budget by \$492,937. The net loss, after transfers, of \$1,846,342 is a favorable variance of \$1,310,546 compared to the budget.

Utility Fund: The Utility fund is slightly better than previous month. Actual revenues remain under budget by \$1,264,796. The operational expenses are also under budget but only by \$562,460. The cost of purchased power and natural gas is under budget by \$483,000. The net loss, after transfers, of \$71,871 creates an unfavorable variance again this month of \$488,534.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are slightly over budget this month by \$8,286, with total operating expenses under budget by \$109,437. The net income, after transfers, of \$574,141 leaves a favorable variance of \$121,175.

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

CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended October 31, 2021

GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	VARIANCE
	2021	2021	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	
REVENUES			
General Fund	4,683,566	3,953,955	729,611
Recreation Fund	90,548	107,694	(17,146)
Library Fund	26,238	12,097	14,141
Auditorium Fund	38,946	63,242	(24,296)
Lake End Park Fund	790,885	619,146	171,739
State Prisoner Fund	326,896	383,336	(56,440)
Total Revenues	5,957,079	5,139,470	817,609
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	8,700,252	8,940,939	(240,687)
Recreation Fund	299,544	474,929	(175,385)
Library Fund	68,145	95,330	(27,185)
Auditorium Fund	391,444	399,013	(7,569)
Lake End Park Fund	717,523	750,459	(32,936)
State Prisoner Fund	359,846	369,021	(9,175)
Total Expenses	10,536,754	11,029,691	(492,937)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	3,168,333	3,168,333	0
Transfers to Funds	(435,000)	(435,000)	0
Net Transfers	2,733,333	2,733,333	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(1,846,342)	(3,156,888)	1,310,546
UTILITY FUND			
Total			
Revenues	17,450,143	18,714,939	(1,264,796)
Total Expenditures	14,845,686	15,408,146	(562,460)
Net			
Excess	2,604,457	3,306,793	(702,336)
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(2,676,328)	(2,890,130)	213,802
Excess net of transfers	(71,871)	416,663	(488,534)

SANITATION AND SEWER FUND

Total Revenues	2,444,697	2,436,411	8,286
Total Expenses	2,684,727	2,794,164	(109,437)
Net Excess	(240,030)	(357,753)	117,723
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	814,171	810,719	3,452
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	574,141	452,966	121,175

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

The next matter on the agenda was the Insurance Committee Recommendations; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-35

WHEREAS, the City's health insurance policy will expire December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Health Insurance Committee, after reviewing the proposal from A. J.

Gallagher made the following recommendation as follows:

1. Decrease copay from \$40.00 to \$20.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute the contract between the City and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana, as per the recommendations of the Health Insurance Committee.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 16th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mr. Anthony Governale, Director of Planning & Zoning, stated that the original plan for the cemetery was to keep a section and reserve it only for mausoleums. Since the City was running out of space for graves, the committee had met and voted to expand the area for graves. He said that some graves were already placed on the area reserved for mausoleums, so to clean up the ordinance, he included that portion too. The first reading for the Cemetery Ground Use Ordinance was opened. No definitive action necessary.

Mr. Governale also explained that since Hurricane Katrina, building codes were updated about every three years. Our ordinance currently gave reference to a specific year, but now the state had given cities some language that would allow for the adoption of the current building codes. This would make it so a new ordinance would not have to be passed every few years. The first reading for the Building Code Adoption ordinance was opened. No definitive action was necessary.

Mayor Dragna stated that the 2021 Amended Budget ordinance would be adopted at the December meeting when the numbers would be more accurate.

The public hearing on the MD Shannon School Ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on October 26, 2021. Published by title on October 29, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-08

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing body of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, in regular session convened this 26th day of October, 2021 that:

SECTION 1:

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City ("City") is a duly authorized municipality that is responsible for municipal operations within the territorial limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, as part of its operation of city government, the City owns and operates various properties; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish School Board has determined that the immovable property that houses the now-shuttered MD Shannon Elementary School, in Morgan City, is surplus property that is no longer needed for school purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in purchasing the property from the School Board for use in municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement for the purposes of purchasing the immovable property, including all buildings and structures attached thereto, from the School Board.

SECTION 2:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of Morgan City, Louisiana that:

(1) The City Council agrees to purchase the property known as the old MD Shannon Elementary School, including all buildings and structures located thereon, from the St. Mary Parish School Board for the price of \$100,000.00, which is to be paid by the City in the form of a monthly utility credit; and

(2) The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of the old MD Shannon Elementary School from the St Mary Parish School Board.

SECTION 3:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4

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 law in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage within the time prescribed by law.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 16th day of November, 2021.

Delivered to Mayor at 1:30 pm, this 29th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 29th day of December, 2021.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor at 2:00 pm on November 29, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: December 3, 2021

The public hearing was opened for the Rezoning of Ditch Annex South Railroad Subdivision ordinance. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on October 26, 2021. Published by title on October 29, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that the official Zoning Map of the City is amended and reenacted to rezone and redesignate the following described property from and to the zoning districts indicated; the affected property with its zoning designation being as shown on the attached map, which map constitutes an amendment to the existing official zoning map.

PROPERTY:

Ditch Annex South Railroad Avenue Subdivision, specifically the plat is bordered by Adams Street, Third Street, Industry Road and Second Street, which contains sixteen parcels from

FROM: "C" Commercial

TO: "R-4" Residential

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. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 16th day of November, 2021.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 1:30 PM, this 29th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington

Clerk

Approved this 29th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

Received from Mayor at 2:00 PM on November 29, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Published: December 3, 2021

The public hearing for the 2022 Budget Ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on September 28, 2021, and a second reading on October 26, 2021. Published by title on October 1, 2021 and October 29, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that:

Section 1

The attached detailed estimate of revenues as reflected in the consolidated statement, the supporting line item budget, and other such fiscal exhibits and information as required by the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act are ready for approval and adoption to serve as the Budget of Revenues for the City for the Fiscal Year January 1 to December 31, 2022.

Section 2

The attached detailed statement of expenditures as reflected in the consolidated statement, the supporting line item budget and other such fiscal exhibits and information as required by the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act are ready for approval and adoption to serve as the Budget of Expenditures for the City for Fiscal Year January 1 to December 31, 2022.

Section 3

The adoption of the Budget of Expenditures as reflected in the attached line item budget containing account object of expenditure classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditure.

Section 4

The amounts appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefore in the Budget of Expenditures; however, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making an appropriation to and for a contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that the budget for fiscal year January 1 to December 31, 2022, as attached hereto and made a part hereof be and the same is hereby approved.

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. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 16th day of November, 2021.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 1:30PM, this 29th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 29th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 2:00 PM on November 29, 2021.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: December 3, 2021

In the matter of the 2022 Class "A" and Class "B" liquor licenses, the following were up for renewal:

2022 CLASS A & B LIQUOR LICENSES

AJ'S 2 ND ST PUB	1400 Second Street
ATCHAFALAYA CAFÉ LLC	7310 Hwy 182E
BAY CITY BISTRO	618 Front Street
BOURBON'S	501 First Street
BUCKETS BLOWOUT LOUNGE	117 Railroad Avenue
CAFÉ JO JO'S LLC	624 Front Street
CAJUN COUNTRY LOUNGE	1226 Victor II Blvd
CANNATA'S SUPERMARKET	7 th & Brashear Avenue
CIRCLE K #4640	7700 Highway 90
CIRCLE K STORE #2706821	6383 Highway 182E
SAAS HOTEL LLC (formerly) CLAIRION HOTEL	520 Roderick Street
CVS / PHARMACY, LLC #5289	6502 Highway 182
DAIQUIRIS & COMPANY	7550 Highway 90
DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #1974	818 Brashear Avenue
DUKE LOUNGE	7722 HWY 182 E.
EAST GATE BBQ	7516 HWY 182E.
FIFTH STREET STORE LLC	701 Everett Street
FRIEND'S TAVERN	6701 Hwy 182 Ste B
G & J LAND AND MARINE FOOD DIST	506 Front Street
GANAWAY'S	1409 Federal Avenue
HAMPTON INN & SUITES	6365 Highway 182E
LAS BRISAS, LLC	7418 Hwy 182E
LINK'S CAFÉ	1118 Victor II
MAMA G'S	7540 Hwy 182
MORGAN CITY MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM	Highway 90
ONE STOP	7028 Highway 182E
PARADISE VALLEY CASINO	1116 Victor II Blvd
PARADISE VALLEY DAIQUIRIS	1114 Victor II Blvd
PETROLEUM CLUB OF MORGAN CITY	500 Roderick Street
POOL DO'S SPORTS BAR, LLC	615 Brashear Avenue
QUICK GENERAL MINI MARKET	2407 Sixth Street
ROUSE'S SUPERMARKET #10	6403 Highway 90
SPORTS BAR	7419 Highway 182
STAZIONE DELI #2	6602 Highway 182
SUSHIRO STEAK HOUSE	6214 Hwy 182E
TABLE FIVE	702 Fifth Street
TAMPICO RESTAURANT & CANTINA	Inglewood Mall
THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY	319 Second Street
THE GALLEY LLC	7409 Hwy 182E
THE MICHELADA HOUSE	500 Front St.
TIMMY T'S	6815 HWY 182E

VICTOR II DELI
WALGREEN #10975
WALMART MARKET #7099

1220 Victor II Blvd
815 Brashear Ave
1002 Hwy 70

A motion to approve the renewals was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Pastor Bias 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