

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

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 Theater, 725 Myrtle Street, 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. Marcus Folsie, Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Pastor Bias.

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

16th Judicial District Attorney Bo Duhé addressed the Mayor and Council and announced his candidacy for re-election.

Mr. Kevin Voisin addressed the Mayor and Council to announce his candidacy for Mayor of Morgan City.

The minutes of the August 23, 2020 Special meeting and the August 25, 2020 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 August 31, 2020.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: September 22, 2020
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended August 31, 2020.

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 August 31, 2020. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Revenues are over budget by \$133,200. Sales taxes in General Fund are over budget by \$130,000. Revenues in the Auditorium, Lake End Park, Parkway and Recreation are all considerably under budget by a combined total of 139,000 due to COVID-19. Operating expenses are below budget by \$546,800. The net loss, after transfers, of \$1,422,400 is a favorable variance of \$680,000 compared to the budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues continue to be increasingly under budget by \$2,025,400, with operational expenses comparably under budget by \$1,711,000. The net income, after transfers, of \$161,300 creates an unfavorable variance again this month right at \$317,800.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$71,400 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$107,000. The net income, after transfers, of \$643,800 leaves a favorable variance this month of \$178,800.

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

CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended August 31, 2020

	AUGUST 2020 ACTUAL	AUGUST 2020 BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			
REVENUES			
General Fund	3,580,607	3,318,210	262,397
Recreation			
Fund	37,536	103,434	(65,898)
Library Fund	19,583	9,678	9,905
Auditorium			
Fund	38,833	52,472	(13,639)
Lake End Park Fund	400,662	460,185	(59,523)
Total Revenues	4,077,221	3,943,979	133,242
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	6,613,862	6,902,316	(288,454)
Recreation			
Fund	207,133	377,632	(170,499)
Library Fund	59,001	80,124	(21,123)
Auditorium			
Fund	274,581	322,095	(47,514)
Lake End Park Fund	529,678	548,890	(19,212)
Total Expenses	7,684,255	8,231,057	(546,802)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	2,501,667	2,501,667	0
Transfers to Funds	(317,000)	(317,000)	0
Net Transfers	2,184,667	2,184,667	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(1,422,367)	(2,102,411)	680,044
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	13,251,072	15,276,498	(2,025,426)
Total Expenditures	10,746,820	12,457,881	(1,711,061)
Net Excess	2,504,252	2,818,617	(314,365)
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(2,342,983)	(2,339,529)	(3,454)
Excess net of transfers	161,269	479,088	(317,819)
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	2,012,276	1,940,880	71,396
Total Expenses	2,109,428	2,216,443	(107,015)
Net Excess	(97,152)	(275,563)	178,411
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	740,964	740,571	393
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	643,812	465,008	178,804

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

The next matter on the agenda was the Red Ribbon Week resolution; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 20-30

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse have reached epidemic stages, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs, and

WHEREAS, in St. Mary Parish, the Red Ribbon has become a symbol of opposition to drug use and alcohol abuse, and

WHEREAS, a Parish-wide red ribbon campaign will be celebrated in St. Mary Parish during drug-free week, **October 23 – November 1, 2020**, and

WHEREAS, business, government, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, youth, medical, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign, and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City commits its resources to ensure the success of the St. Mary parish "Red Ribbon Campaign",

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that it does hereby support October 23 – November 1, 2020 as

"RED RIBBON DRUG-FREE WEEK"

and encourages its citizens to participate in drug awareness and drug educational activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to drug-free, healthy lifestyles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc. that the City Council of Morgan City encourages all citizens to celebrate over thirty years of red ribbon in St. Mary Parish and support the 2020 campaign theme:

"Don't Huff, Don't Puff, Stay Away From That Stuff! BE DRUG-FREE!!"

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:


Debbie Harrington, Clerk


Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the yearly MWPP Report had to be submitted and a resolution needed to be passed; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 20-31

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City is committed to minimizing the amount of infiltration and inflow into the wastewater collection system and its associated impact on the design flow of the wastewater treatment plant, and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City has dedicated adequate budget funds to aggressively pursue location of and repairs to cracked and broken pipes in the wastewater collection system, employing both City and contract resources,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that it hereby informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by the City of Morgan City, Louisiana.

1. Reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number LA0065986:
 - a. Continued mapping of the wastewater collection system to characterize and document the size, type, and maintenance history of each main;
 - b. Continued systematic surveying and investigation of sections of the collection system to determine the extent and priority of repair efforts; and
 - c. Continued repairing and/or replacement of damaged sections of the collection system.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2020.



Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:



Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the Declaration of the Results of the Special Election for the 2 Mil Auditorium Tax Renewal; whereupon,

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Domangue and seconded by Pastor Bias:

RESOLUTION NO. R: 20-32

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, on August 15, 2020 to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020 (the "Election"), to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), be authorized to continue to levy a two (2) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the City (an estimated \$786,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of a tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2020 and ending with the year 2029 for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating the City auditorium, including the purchase of equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in public?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes case at said Election, there was a total of **412** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **180** votes case **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **232** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, only after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Mary, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Domangue, Bias, Hymel, Stephens, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 22nd day of September, 2020.


Debbie Harrington
Clerk


Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the City Court, 7261 Highway 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana, the Morgan City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, August 15, 2020, with the following members present:

Pastor Bias, Mr. Domangue, Mr. Hymel, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Tamporello;

There being absent: NONE;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), be authorized to continue to levy a two (2) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the City, (an estimated \$786,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2020 and ending with the year 2029, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating the City auditorium, including the purchase of equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in public?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **412** votes cast

IN FAVOR OF the proposition and a total of **180** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **232** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the City of Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Results by precinct are available from the City Clerk of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Morgan City, Louisiana on this 8th day of September, 2020.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Morgan City (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana ("Morgan City"), on January 28, 2020, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within Morgan City on **SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in Morgan City qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), be authorized to continue to levy a two (2) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the City (an estimated \$786,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of a tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2020 and ending with the year 2029 for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating the City auditorium, including the purchase of equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in public?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within Morgan City, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

PRECINCTS

- 00-36
- 00-37
- 00-38
- 00-39
- 00-40
- 00-41
- 00-41A
- 00-42
- 00-43
- 00-44(PART)
- 00-45(PART)


The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$22,500.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

Th said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in Morgan City on **SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the City Court, 7261 Highway 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said special election. All registered voters of the Morgan City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Morgan City, Louisiana, on this 28th day of January, 2020.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the Proposition submitted at the special election held in the City on Saturday, August 15, 2020, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Morgan City, Louisiana, on this, the 22nd day of September, 2020.



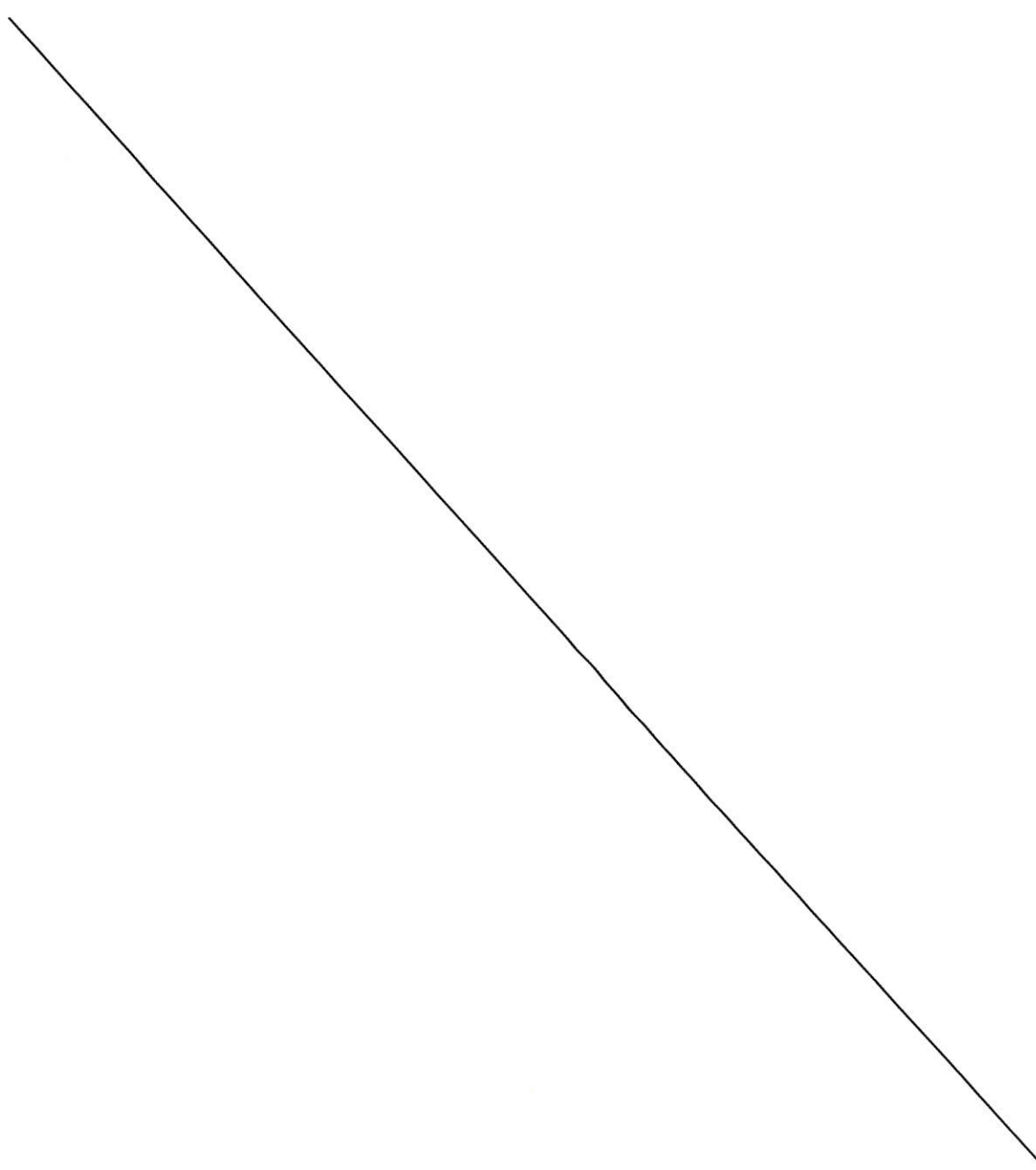
Mayor

Mayor Grizzaffi read his 2021 Budget Message into record (copy on file).

The next matter on the agenda was the first reading of the 2021 Budget Ordinance. No definitive action was necessary.

Mayor Pro-tem Mark Stephens stated that the Budget Workshop would take place on October 4, 2020 at the Conference Room at city Hall. He stated it would be done after the Mayoral Election so that the new Mayor could be in attendance.

The next matter on the agenda was the Resolution of Respect for Mr. James O'Neal "Jimmy" Johnson, Sr.; whereupon,



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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 20-33
IN MEMORIAM
JAMES O'NEAL "COACH JIMMY" JOHNSON, SR.

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom has taken James O'Neal "Coach Jimmy" Johnson, Sr from our midst; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Recreation community has lost a long-time contributor in it's history, Coach Jimmy Johnson, on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Air Force during World War II and was later discharged, receiving an Honorable Discharge and a World War II Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jimmy will be remembered for giving back to his community and was involved in football, basketball, baseball, and adult basketball; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife Deloris Johnson; his children James O. Johnson, Jr., Rodney K. Johnson, Charles J. Charlot, Sr., Fredrick A. Charlot and Lynette M. Singleton; fourteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; one brother, Alvin Johnson, Sr. and a sister Jacqueline Davis and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and great athletes he helped to produce in St. Mary Parish; 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 James O'Neal "Coach Jimmy" Johnson, Sr. 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 James O'Neal "Coach Jimmy" Johnson, Sr.

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 22nd day of September, 2020.



Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debbie Harrington, Clerk

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