

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

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 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 and Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Tommy Fromenthal.

The positive image recipients for the month of September were Russell Miller, Clifton Percle, and Andrew Ratcliff, III for receiving their ten-year Fire Department service pins and Austin Ratcliff for his promotion to Fire Captain. The mayor and council thanked them for their service and Mayor Dragna presented them with positive image certificates.

Mrs. Beth Chiasson requested use of the area under the bridge for the Holiday Market on November 26, 2022. A motion to approve the Holiday Market was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Chiasson also submitted a request for permission to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Basin Brewfest on March 25, 2023 (copy on file). A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Jessica Dubois submitted a request to hold the annual Pumpkin Patch on October 24 – 28, 2022 at the petting zoo (copy on file). A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Bishop Jerry Hebert gave an update of the progress of his free tennis camps at Lawrence Park over the years (copy on file). He asked if the old tennis courts near Norman Park would ever be repaired. Mayor Dragna said with the financial situation of the City at the present time, he did not see them being redone. He offered use of the tennis complex courts to Bishop Hebert.

Mrs. Kristal Hebert gave a brief update on the ARC of St. Mary. She stated she welcomed any donations but electrical ones and invited the Mayor and Council to drop in at the facility.

Alex Romero addressed the Council requesting permission to hold the annual Moonlight Monday Event (copy on file). A motion to approve Moonlight Monday was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Reverend Tracy Smith with First Baptist Church requested permission to hold an outdoor Christian concert on his property on Friday, September 30, 2022. He said the concert would end no later than 9:30 PM. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Sadie Rankin with Morgan City Main Street addressed the Council asking for permission to close Front Street to Second Street under the bridge area for the Trunk or Treat event. A motion to approve the closure was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Pat Haller, president of the Morgan City Firefighters Association, requested permission to hold the Run With a Hero 5K on November 12, 2022, beginning at 9 AM. A motion to approve the request was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

In the Mayor's Update, Mayor Dragna stated that there needed to be some parententers set for the Homecoming activities in the future as far as their toilet papering and getting "got".

Mayor Dragna stated that the current Code of Ordinances needed to be addressed. There were a lot of outdated and unenforceable items in the current Code. He urged the Council to get with him to propose any changes to the Code.

The minutes of the August 23, 2022 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 August 31, 2022.

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**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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DATE: September 27, 2022  
 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, 2022.

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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 August 31, 2022. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: The actual total revenues continue to come in over budget by \$903,585. Sales taxes in General Fund were over budget by \$396,000, Fines by \$92,000, and Parkway and Lake End Park by 153,000. Operating expenses are below budget by \$573,521. The net loss, after transfers, of \$698,913 is a favorable variance of \$1,452,106 compared to the budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are now over budget by \$532,893. The operational expenses are currently over budget by \$1,487,707. The cost of purchased power is \$1,464,000 over budget and natural gas is over by \$118,000. The net loss, after transfers, of \$1,157,538 creates an unfavorable variance of \$899,996.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues remain under budget by \$62,450, with total operating expenses over budget by \$76,101. The net income, after transfers, of \$402,662 leaves a favorable variance this month of \$70,308.

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, 2022

|                                    | <b>AUGUST<br/>2022</b> | <b>AUGUST<br/>2022</b> |                 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS</b> | <b>ACTUAL</b>          | <b>BUDGET</b>          | <b>VARIANCE</b> |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                    |                        |                        |                 |
| General Fund                       | 4,318,679              | 3,513,200              | 805,479         |
| Recreation Fund                    | 86,703                 | 49,158                 | 37,545          |
| Library Fund                       | 8,103                  | 9,679                  | (1,576)         |
| Auditorium Fund                    | 55,704                 | 39,088                 | 16,616          |
| Lake End Park Fund                 | 672,170                | 518,435                | 153,735         |
| State Prisoner Fund                | 146,794                | 255,008                | (108,214)       |
| Total Revenues                     | 5,288,153              | 4,384,568              | 903,585         |
| <b>EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL</b>        |                        |                        |                 |
| General Fund                       | 6,697,561              | 7,009,516              | (311,955)       |
| Recreation Fund                    | 266,561                | 337,619                | (71,058)        |

|   |                    |                    |                  |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Library Fund                              | 53,170             | 99,027             | (45,857)         |
| Auditorium Fund                           | 308,918            | 316,929            | (8,011)          |
| Lake End Park Fund                        | 564,118            | 652,519            | (88,401)         |
| State Prisoner Fund                       | 511,405            | 559,644            | (48,239)         |
| Total Expenses                            | 8,401,733          | 8,975,254          | (573,521)        |
| <b>TRANSFERS</b>                          |                    |                    |                  |
| Transfers from Funds                      | 3,167,667          | 3,120,667          | 47,000           |
| Transfers to Funds                        | (753,000)          | (681,000)          | (72,000)         |
| Net Transfers                             | 2,414,667          | 2,439,667          | (25,000)         |
| <b>EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS</b>            | <u>(698,913)</u>   | <u>(2,151,019)</u> | <u>1,452,106</u> |
| <b>UTILITY FUND</b>                       |                    |                    |                  |
| Total                                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Revenues                                  | 15,523,390         | 14,990,497         | 532,893          |
| Total Expenditures                        | 14,429,180         | 12,941,473         | 1,487,707        |
| Net                                       |                    |                    |                  |
| Excess                                    | 1,094,210          | 2,049,024          | (954,814)        |
| Net Transfers and non-oper.               | (2,251,748)        | (2,306,566)        | 54,818           |
| Excess net of transfers                   | <u>(1,157,538)</u> | <u>(257,542)</u>   | <u>(899,996)</u> |
| <b>SANITATION AND SEWER FUND</b>          |                    |                    |                  |
| Total                                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Revenues                                  | 1,956,576          | 2,019,026          | (62,450)         |
| Total                                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Expenses                                  | 2,412,825          | 2,336,724          | 76,101           |
| Net                                       |                    |                    |                  |
| Excess                                    | (456,249)          | (317,698)          | (138,551)        |
| Net Transfers/non-operating expenses      | 858,911            | 650,052            | 208,859          |
| Excess net of transfers and non-operating | <u>402,662</u>     | <u>332,354</u>     | <u>70,308</u>    |

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

Mr. Pete Lawton, Compliance Officer, stated that the houses at 410 Bush Street and 1513 Ohio Street needed to be condemned. A motion to condemn the properties at 410 Bush and 1513 Ohio Street was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Josh Manning with South Central Planning and Development presented a redistricting update to the Mayor and Council (copy on file). He stated that as the process progressed, he would make updates to the Council as well as scheduling public meetings.

Mr. Anthony Governale presented the yearly Flood Insurance Assessment Report (copy on file).

The next matter on the agenda was the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report; whereupon,

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. R: 22-41

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.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that the November and December meeting dates needed to be looked at; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 22-42

WHEREAS, the November 2022 council meeting falls on November 22, 2022; and  
WHEREAS, the December 2022 council meeting falls on December 27, 2022; and  
WHEREAS, children are out of school for the holidays and many families take vacations at this time, and

WHEREAS, from past experience it has been determined to be within the best interest of the city to change this council meeting date,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the November 2022 and December 2022 council meetings be changed as follows:

November 22, 2022 meeting changed to November 15, 2022

December 27, 2022 meeting changed to December 20, 2022

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

In the matter of the Bid tabulation for Roadway Repairs & Improvements Justa/Allison Street project, Gray Construction was the low bidder; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 22-43

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the proposal of Gray Construction Corp. of Morgan City, Louisiana, for furnishing all materials, equipment, etc., for the Roadway Repairs & Improvements Justa/Allison Street project in the amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTYONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$221,822.00) being the least and most responsible proposal received, be and the same is hereby accepted and awarded to Gray Construction Corp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said Gray Construction Corp. for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for furnishing all materials, and

equipment for the Roadway Repairs & Improvements Justa/Allison Street project, Morgan City, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the contract shall be filed with the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, for recordation in the mortgage records of said parish, hereby ratifying and confirming his act or acts in the premises.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the 2023 Budget Ordinance. This was a first reading and no definitive action was necessary. A Budget Conference would be set at a later time.

The first reading of the Stormwater Model Ordinance was the next matter on the agenda. This was a first reading and no definitive action was necessary.

The public hearing was opened on the Electric Rate CPI Adjustment ordinance. No one appeared for or against said ordinance, whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on August 23, 2022. Published by title on August 26, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 110-31, SCHEDULE OF RATES, OF CHAPTER 110, UTILITES, ARTICLE II, ELECTRIC SERVICE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 110-31 of the code of ordinances be amended and reenacted as follows:

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**Sec. 110-31. - Schedule of rates.**

The following shall be the scheduled monthly rates for providing electrical service to consumers from the city's system of electrical distribution effective March 1, 2018:

(1) Residential rate (ER) for all residential service:

Service fee .....\$10.00 + CPI

First 400 kwh, per kwh .....0.04898

All over 400 kwh, per kwh .....0.04672

*Application of schedule.* This schedule is applicable to individual residences or apartments for single-phase or three-phase service metered through one meter. This schedule is not applicable to establishments of a commercial, industrial, or institutional nature.

(2) *General service rate (EG)* for all nonresidential service that is not classed large general service as defined below. The base charge shall be \$2.50 per kw of metered demand plus effective January 1, 2023:

Service fee .....\$10.00 + CPI  
First 500 kwh, per kwh .....0.061260  
Next 9,500 kwh, per kwh .....0.043200  
Next 10,000 kwh, per kwh .....0.034800  
All over 20,000 kwh, per kwh .....0.039000

*Application of schedule.* This schedule is applicable to commercial, industrial, institutional, or other non-residential uses requiring single-phase or three-phase monthly service metered through one meter that is not classified as Large General Service. Demand charge is applicable for total load connected. The city's electric utility department will provide and install the necessary meters to measure the kw demand and the kw consumption of all customers of this class of service. The demand charge is inapplicable to customers whose total monthly demand is less than five kw. Customers shall be demand metered for one year; for those customers whose total kw demand for each month is less than five kw, no base or demand charge shall thereafter be charged. No reimbursement for previously paid demand charges shall be permitted. Should an exempt customer's kw consumption usage change to equal or exceed five kw per month, the demand charge shall be reinstated.

(3) *Large general service rate (EL)* for all nonresidential service metered through one meter that requires greater than 15,000 KWH per month and that either requires 300 KVA or more of transformer capacity or has primary conductor metering. The base charge shall be \$3.00 per kw of metered demand plus, effective January 1, 2023:

Service fee .....\$10.00 + CPI  
First 10,000 kwh, per kwh .....0.04259  
Next 20,000 kwh, per kwh .....0.03328  
All over 30,000 kwh, per kwh .....0.02960

*Application of schedule.* This schedule is applicable to commercial, industrial, institutional, or other non-residential uses meeting the Large General Service criteria defined above. Demand charge is applicable for total load connected. The city's electric utility department will provide and install the necessary meters to measure the kw demand and the kwh consumption of all customers of this class of service.

(4) *Housing authority rate (EH)* for all housing authority installations, effective January 1, 2023:

Service fee .....\$10.00 + CPI  
First 2,500 kwh, per kwh .....0.074700  
All over 2,500 kwh, per kwh .....0.044250

(5) *Electric municipal rate (EM)* for city usage is \$0.04259 per kwh.

(6) *Resale, sharing prohibited.* Electric energy served under any of the schedules included in this section is for the exclusive use of the customers and is not to be resold or shared with others.

(7) *Power adjustment.* In addition to the charges established in subsections (1)—(5), each customer shall pay a charge which shall be determined as follows: A power adjustment (PA) is a variable unit charge determined monthly in accordance with the following formula with definitions provided hereafter for the purpose of allocating the total monthly cost of power purchased, changes in demand costs, as well as the actual annual savings from competitive power supplier contract. The power adjustment shall apply to each kilowatt-hour (kwh) of energy supplied to all customers under this schedule.

$PA = ((( PPC + FC + GC ) - D ) \times L ) / \text{Total Volume of Energy}$

PA = Power adjustment

PPC = Purchased power cost

FC = Fuel cost

GC = Generation cost

D = Demand cost factor as defined below\*

L = Loss factor or one minus the kwh percentage of electric distribution system loss

\* The city's 2004 wholesale demand costs and capacity payment revenues were used to create the basis for the demand cost factor. Once in place, the demand cost factor will automatically account for fluctuations in wholesale power costs to the City of Morgan City. Additionally, the demand cost factor may be adjusted to recover no more than 50 percent of any additional savings in wholesale power costs when compared to the base year of 2004.

(8) Annually the Electric Service fee and usage charges for all non-negotiated rate customers can be adjusted by using the most recent CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

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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.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 3:00 pm, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 3:30 pm, on September, 2022.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: October 5, 2022

The public hearing on the Gas Rate CPI Adjustment ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on August 23, 2022. Published by title on August 26, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 110-67, RATE INCREASES, OF CHAPTER 110, UTILITES, ARTICLE III, GAS SERVICE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 110-67 of the code of ordinances be amended and reenacted as follows:

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**Sec. 110-67. Consumer Price Index (CPI)**

Annually the gas system service fee and per unit rate for all non-negotiated rate customers can be adjusted by using the most recent CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Table 1. Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

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SECTION 2

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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. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

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/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 3:30 pm, on September, 2022.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: October 5, 2022

The public hearing on the Gas Summer Discontinuance CPI Adjustment ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on August 23, 2022. Published by title on August 26, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 110-66, SCHEDULE OF RATES; BILLING; SUMMER DISCONTINUANCE OPTION, OF CHAPTER 110, UTILITES, ARTICLE III, GAS SERVICE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 110-66 of the code of ordinances be amended and reenacted as follows:

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**Sec. 110-66. - Schedule of rates; billing; summer discontinuance option.**

(a) The following shall be the schedule of rates charged for furnishing natural gas to consumers:

(1) *Residential rates and municipal rates.*

Service Fee.....\$10.00 + CPI  
(WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Thousand Cubic Feet (Ccf)) X Gas Loss Percentage) + \$ .71 + CPI + RSF

(2) *Commercial rates.*

Service Fee \$15.00 + CPI  
(WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Thousand Cubic Foot (Ccf)) X Gas Loss Percentage) + \$ .66 + CPI + RSF

(3) *Industrial rates.*

As Negotiated.

(4) *Housing authority.*

(WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Thousand Cubic Foot (Ccf) X Gas Loss Percentage) + \$ .61 + CPI + RSF

(6) *Fuel cost recovery.* In addition to the charges established in subsections (1) through (4) of this section, each customer of the gas distribution system shall pay a fuel cost recovery charge, which shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

Fuel Cost Recovery Charge = Total Cost of Gas Purchased (in dollars per 1,000 cubic feet) / Total Volume of Gas Purchased x C

Where C = 1 minus the unaccounted for gas percentage of the distribution system.

The fuel cost recovery charge shall be calculated monthly and the resulting rate in dollars per 1,000 cubic feet of gas shall be applied to the consumption of each customer of the gas distribution system. The customer's total bill for gas consumed shall be equal to the fuel cost recovery amount plus the amount calculated under subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4).

*Revenue Stabilization Factor (RSF)* At the sole discretion of the Mayor & Council, the Revenue Stabilization can be calculated on Budgeted Net Revenue OR Coverage Ratio on Bonds as long as Net Revenue exceeds all bond covenants on gas system plus .25X.

Example:

Revenue Bond requires 1.25X coverage ratio, Morgan City self imposes a 1.50X coverage ratio to allow for material audit adjustments after fiscal year is closed.

The RSF shall be calculated monthly based on the following formulations:

Step 1. Calculate the coverage ratios required under all existing bond covenants for GAS system.

Step 2. As soon as monthly financial statement is available, calculate a pro-forma coverage ratio using completed actual monthly financials and future budget for months remaining through end of fiscal year. After calculation of the pro-forma ratio, should there be no shortfall of the required 1.5X Coverage, there is no adjustment to the rates through the RSF; should there be a shortfall:

Step 3. City will then determine the total revenue shortfall in dollars.

Calculate the factor per Ccf by dividing net shortfall by average annual sales volume to arrive at a cost per Ccf.

Example:

Shortfall = \$25,000.00

Average Pro-Forma Budgeted Sales Volumes = 25,780,000 Ccf

RSAF = \$25,000 ÷ 25,780 OR \$0.0009697 per Ccf

Step 4. Beginning with the next billing cycle, all usage will include an additional \$0.0009697 per Ccf until end of fiscal year or subsequent RSF calculations.

(7) *Meter deposits, billing, and delinquency charges* for homeowners, non-homeowners, mobile homes, commercial, industrial, etc. shall be \$100.00. Meters will be read after each 30-day period on or about the same date each month. Bills shall be mailed and shall be due and payable monthly. All bills due must be paid by the due/delinquency date marked on the bill. Each cycle will have a set due/delinquency date to be determined by the finance director; a ten percent service charge shall be added to the net amount of each bill that becomes delinquent; if the bill remains unpaid and after due notice to the customer at the billing address that the bill is delinquent, services will be discontinued. For each visit to the customer's premises for collection of delinquent bills, a \$10.00 service charge shall be assessed, plus a \$5.00 per meter charge shall be made for reconnection of all meters which have been disconnected.

(8) Annually the Electric Service fee and usage charges for all non-negotiated rate customers can be adjusted by using the most recent CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

(b) Customers not needing gas during the summer months may have their meters sealed and left on the premises. No charge will be made for the time the meter is sealed and left on the premises. When customers desire to again use gas, request must be made to have the seal removed by a representative of the natural gas system, and a charge of \$8.00 will be levied for this service. If the meter is sealed (turned off) for a period exceeding 12 months, the customer must have an outsourced licensed professional pressure test their system prior to the City removing the seal and turning the meter back on.

(c) Transfer disconnects of meters from one location to another within the city's service area will be made, and an assessment of \$10.00 will be charged for this service.

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Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

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/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

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/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 3:30 pm, on September, 2022.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: October 5, 2022

The public hearing for the Solid Waste CPI Adjustment ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on August 23, 2022. Published by title on August 26, 2022.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-10**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 90-40, SERVICE CHARGES FOR PICKUP AND COLLECTION OF CHAPTER 90, SOLID WASTE, ARTICLE II, PICKUP AND COLLECTION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY.

**SECTION 1**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 90-40 of the code of ordinances be amended and reenacted as follows:

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**Sec. 90-40. - Service charges for pickup and collection.**

(a) Monthly charges for pickup and collection of solid waste shall be due and payable by the owner, manager, agent or occupant and shall be billed by the city on the monthly utility bill.

- (1) Commercial (residential size can) \$3.00 + Contractor Cost
- (2) Residential, per month (per can) \$3.00 + Contractor Cost
- (3) Housing authority, per month (per can) \$3.00 + Contractor Cost

Price Adjustment – if the rate per sanitation provider increases, the City will adjust their price accordingly. Whereas the provider increases their wholesale rate by \$1.00 per can, the City will increase their price b \$1.00.

(c) Annually the charges for pickup and collection of solid waste can be adjusted using the most recent CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Table 1. Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

**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. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 3:00 pm, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 3:30 pm, on September, 2022.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: October 5, 2022

The public hearing for the Water Rate CPI Adjustment ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on August 23, 2022. Published by title on August 26, 2022.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-11**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 110-105, SCHEDULE OF RATES, OF CHAPTER 110, UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV, WATER SERVICE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY.

**SECTION 1**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 110-105 of the code of ordinances be amended and reenacted as follows:

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**Sec. 110-105. - Schedule of rates.**

The following shall be scheduled rates to be charged for the furnishing of water to consumers from the system of water mains of the municipal water plant effective March 1, 2018:

(1) *Residential water rate.*

a. Service Fee \$10 + CPI

b. *Residential rate schedule.*

First 2,500 cubic feet - \$1.73 + CPI per 100 cubic feet\*.

All over 2,500 cubic feet - \$2.59 + CPI per 100 cubic feet\*.

*Application of schedule.* This schedule is applicable to water service to domestic users in individual residences or to individual family apartments, or to individually metered trailers used as residences, or to multiple residences owned and occupied by one family and serviced through one meter where no rent is paid among the family residents or to multiple residences serviced through one meter due to non-availability of a servicing municipal water main.

(2) *Commercial and industrial water rates.*

a. Service Fee \$15.00 + CPI

b. Commercial and industrial rate schedule.

First 2,500 cubic feet - \$1.73 + CPI per 100 cubic feet\*.

All over 2,500 cubic feet - \$2.59 + CPI per 100 cubic feet\*.

*Application of schedule.* This schedule is applicable to water service to general small and large commercial and/or industrial establishments, to include trailer parks where trailers are not individually metered, and to include apartment complexes.

(3) *Master meter rates.* Any business, governmental entity, commercial or industrial utility customer within the city which receives services through a master meter, provided that the business, governmental entity, commercial or industrial utility customer's master meter services 25 or more residents shall be charged for water delivered at \$1.33 + CPI per 100 cubic feet\*.

(4) *Municipal rates.* Bulk water from municipal hydrants. The rate charged for water usage by customers from fire hydrants shall be \$1.33 + CPI per 100 cubic feet plus \$45.00 per temporary hydrant connection to be applied to labor and administrative costs for metering and billing. Bulk water from municipal hydrants shall be available to customers only upon approval by city officials after confirmation that there are adequate water inventories for fire protection and water main pressure.

\*All rates in section 110-105, except for (4), shall be subject to annual review by the finance director. The finance director shall report findings of the annual review to the council through written reports.

(5) *Conversions and definitions.*

a. Cubic feet as used herein: One cubic foot is equal to seven and one-half gallons.

b. General small and large commercial and/or industrial establishments shall be all users other than those stated in application of schedule for residential rate.

(6) *Exemptions.* Exempted from the above schedule of rates will be the following who are furnished water under separate contracts with the City of Morgan City, Louisiana: Waterworks District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary (Wyandotte); Waterworks District No. 3 of the Parish of St. Mary (Amelia); St. Martin Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Stephensville Water Distribution System); and any and all others that may be contracted setting out a special schedule of rates subsequent to this section.

(7) *Meter deposits:* Homeowners, non-homeowners, mobile homes, commercial, industrial, etc.  
.....\$25.00

(8) *Payment of bills; dates; delinquent charges; transfer of charges; installation charges.* Meters will be read after each 30-day period on or about the same date each month. Bills shall be mailed and shall be due and payable monthly. All bills due must be paid by the due/delinquency date marked on the bill. Each cycle will have a set due/delinquency date to be determined by the finance director; a ten percent service charge shall be added to the net amount of each bill that becomes delinquent; if the bill remains unpaid and after due notice to the customer at the billing address that the bill is delinquent, services will be discontinued. For each visit to the customer's premises for collection of delinquent bills, a \$10.00 service charge shall be assessed, plus a \$5.00 per meter charge shall be made for reconnection of all meters which have been disconnected.

(9) Annually the water system's monthly charge and rates for all non-negotiated rate customers can be adjusted by using the most recent CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

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SECTION 2

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Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 3:00 pm, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 3:00 pm, on September 28, 2022.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: October 5, 2022

The fifth reading of the Freeboard Ordinance was the next matter on the agenda. Mayor Dragna felt that action needed to be taken, either in favor of or against the ordinance. A motion to reject the ordinance was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Dragna offered the name of Beth Chiasson for appointment to the Archives Committee. He offered the names of Micah Allen, Bobby Dufrene and Bryce Merrill for reappointment to the Archives Committee; Kenneth Arceneaux, Jr. and Tim Matthews, Sr. for reappointment to the Civil Service Committee; Sarah Herrera, Julia Johnson and Bryce Merrill for reappointment to the Convention, Tourism and Culture Committee; JoAnn Blanchard for reappointment to the Historic Committee; Marion Collins and Natalie Johnson for reappointment to the Library Commission; Angela Reynaud for reappointment to the Main Street Committee; Don Hicks, Victoria Rodrigue and Andros Williams for reappointment to the Recreation and Parks Commission; and Alfred Arceneaux, Leo Grizzaffi, Sr., and Luke Manfre for reappointment to the Wharf Committee. A motion to concur in the appointment and reappointments was made by Mr. Hymel, 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