

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
April 23, 2024

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: None

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Joy Comeaux.

The first matter on the agenda was to appoint an interim council member to replace Mr. Mark Stephens, who had resigned, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-10

WHEREAS, Council member Mark Stephens, representing District 2, submitted his resignation effective April 22, 2024, at midnight, and

WHEREAS, the constitution, laws of the State of Louisiana, and the charter of the City of Morgan City provide that such a vacancy shall be filled through appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the council until the office is filled by the vote of the qualified electors voting in an election called by the council for that purpose, and

WHEREAS, the constitution, laws of the State of Louisiana, and the charter of the City of Morgan City provide that the council shall issue a proclamation ordering the election to fill the vacancy in accordance with state law, and

WHEREAS, an election is scheduled for a November 5, 2024 primary election and December 7, 2024 general election with qualifying dates being July 17, 2024 – July 19, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Mrs. Bonnie Leonard is hereby appointed to serve on the Morgan City Council as the District 2 representative until the office is filled by the vote of the qualified electors voting in an election called by the council for that purpose and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the election to fill the vacancy for the City Council District 2 representative shall be scheduled for a November 5, 2024 primary election and December, 7, 2024 general election with qualifying dates being July 17 - July 19, 2024.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Domangue, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of April, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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

Pastor Bias invited all mothers to the 100 Black Men Mother's Day Initiative on Saturday, May 11 at 10 AM at Lawrence Park. If it rained, the venue would be changed to the area under the elevated portion of US Hwy. 90. There would be free BBQ served.

Police Chief Chad Adams introduced the new K-9 Officer Ataleigh Braud and stated that she was the first female K-9 Officer at Morgan City Police Department. He recognized her hard work and dedication to the training that she completed to become a K-9 handler. He recognized Captain John Schaff for 25 years of service to the Department; and Sergeant Matthew Strickland and Officer Jobe Gagliano for 10 years of service to the Department. He then recognized the promotions of Richard Briscoe to Lieutenant and Zeke Sampey to Sergeant. He thanked them all for their dedication to the department.

Mrs. Beverly Domengeaux gave her annual report for the St. Mary Council on Aging. She stated that she was currently having trouble finding people to work for her and was also looking for a larger place with a kitchen to operate out of.

The minutes of the March 26, 2024 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2024.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: April 23, 2024
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended March 31, 2024.

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 March 31, 2024. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are now under budget by \$93,694. In General Fund, sales taxes are under budget by \$47,093. Operating expenses are under budget by \$274,841. The net loss of \$1,130,240 is a favorable variance of \$181,147 as compared to the adopted budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are slightly over budget by \$38,488. The operational expenses are under budget by \$618,239. The net income, after transfers, of \$1,102,376 creates a favorable variance compared to the budget of \$685,788.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$48,472 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$64,683. The net income, after transfers, of \$203,169 leaves another favorable variance of \$128,503.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Deborah Garber
Deborah Garber

CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended March 31, 2024

GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	MARCH 2024 ACTUAL	MARCH 2024 BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	1,882,815	2,010,650	(127,835)
Recreation Fund	29,792	14,403	15,389
Library Fund	4,079	3,667	412
Auditorium Fund	29,892	22,709	7,183
Lake End Park Fund	271,272	260,115	11,157
Cemetery Fund	69,857	40,059	29,798
State Prisoner Fund	35,022	55,695	(20,673)
Total Revenues	2,217,850	2,311,544	(93,694)
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	2,761,654	2,881,917	(120,263)
Recreation Fund	107,605	118,428	(10,823)
Library Fund	21,668	39,148	(17,480)
Auditorium Fund	108,641	123,955	(15,314)
Lake End Park Fund	299,836	385,017	(85,181)
Cemetery Fund	51,976	70,914	(18,938)
State Prisoner Fund	166,710	173,552	(6,842)
Total Expenses	3,518,090	3,792,931	(274,841)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	170,000	170,000	0
Transfers to Funds	0	0	0
Net Transfers	170,000	170,000	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(1,130,240)	(1,311,387)	181,147
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	5,597,605	5,559,117	38,488
Total Expenditures	4,478,862	5,097,101	(618,239)
Net Excess	1,118,743	462,016	656,727
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(16,367)	(45,428)	29,061
Excess net of transfers	1,102,376	416,588	685,788
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	845,200	796,728	48,472
Total Expenses	956,385	1,021,068	(64,683)
Net Excess	(111,185)	(224,340)	113,155
Net Transfers/non- operating expenses	314,354	299,006	15,348
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	203,169	74,666	128,503

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

The next matter on the agenda was the Planning & Zoning Committee

Recommendations. Mr. Hymel stated that both he and Councilman Tamporello attended the meeting. Mr. Beranek requested to change the zoning of his land near Park Road to residential to allow him to put a mobile home park on the property. The Planning & Zoning Committee voted to approve the change (copy on file). Mr. Tamporello advised that Mr. Beranek planned to have a full-time property manager on site as well as some small garages for the residents to store bicycles, lawnmowers, and other small equipment. Mr. Don Luc, a resident of Park Road, asked the Council to consider the problems with water that Park Road has had, and this new development would drain onto Park Road. He stated that the City would make no money from electric bills because that area was serviced by SLECA. Mayor Dragna pointed out that they would still have income from water, sewer, gas, and sanitation services. Councilman Domangue suggested that the matter be brought up at the May Council meeting with a representative from the Planning & Zoning Department in attendance. A motion to table the topic until the May meeting was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the surplus equipment; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-11

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the item shown below are hereby declared surplus and no longer needed:

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| 1. 8 Safety Vision Primafacie 32G Body Cameras | Police Department |
| 2. Prima Facie Docking Station, Serial #DS-195-00083 | Police Department |
| 3. Dell Optiplex 7010 Desktop, Serial #DYQXV02 | Police Department |
| 4. Dell Optiplex 7020 Desktop, Serial #FKT0Q22 | Police Department |
| 5. Lenovo Thinkcentre M81 Desktop, Serial #MJHPTPF | Police Department |
| 6. Lenovo Thinkcentre M91P Desktop, Serial #MJBDNFN | Police Department |
| 7. Dell Optiplex 3020 Desktop, Serial #CX63V52 | Police Department |
| 8. Lenovo Thinkcentre M91P Desktop, Serial #MJECMLG | Police Department |
| 9. Dell Optiplex 980 Desktop, Serial #7HF1PN1 | Police Department |
| 10. Dell Optiplex 7080 Desktop, Serial #45NZY12 | Police Department |
| 11. Dell XPS Desktop, Serial #57JMN22 | Police Department |
| 12. Dell T1500 Server, Serial #4GJ0MN1 | Police Department |
| 13. Dell Optiplex 9020 Desktop, Serial #71Y99Z1 | Police Department |
| 14. Dell Poweredge SC1430 Server, Serial #BGC26F1 | Police Department |
| 15. Dell Optiplex 3010 Desktop, Serial #1LRBTW1 | Police Department |
| 16. Computer Monitor, Tag #5054 | Police Department |
| 17. HP CM1415PAW Printer, Tag #6137 | Police Department |
| 18. 1985 Brigadier Dump Truck VIN#1GDT9C4J9FV607061 | Public Works |
| 19. Doosan DX19W VIN#DHKCEWADV90005383 | Public Works |
| 20. 1985 Brigadier Dump Truck VIN#1CDT9C4J0FY67062 | Public Works |
| 21. 2008 Ford F-250 VIN#1FTWF20538EA90867 | Public Works |
| 22. Chevy 1500 Pickup VIN#1GTEC4X35Z302783 | Central Garage |
| 23. 2003 Ford F-250 VIN#1FTNX20L013EC63362 | Public Works |
| 24. 2013 Ford Escape VIN #1FMDNF20546ED91351 | Police Department |
| 25. 1998 Dodge Ram VIN#1B7HC16X9WS718034 | Water, Sewer, Gas |
| 26. 1995 Chevy 1500 VIN#1GCGC24H2SZ248715 | Public Works |
| 27. 2005 Chevy Silverado VIN#1GCEC14Z65Z285589 | Electric Department |
| 28. 2006 Ford F-250 VIN#1FDNF20527EA02174 | Electric Department |
| 29. 2005 GMC 1500 VIN#1GTEC14X35Z295987 | Mosquito Abatement |
| 30. 2006 Ford F-250 VIN#1FDNF20546ED91351 | Electric Department |
| 31. Ford F150 VIN#1FTZX1727YNB95741 | Lake End Park |
| 32. 2008 Ford F-250 VIN#1FT5X20558EE39995 | Public Works |
| 33. Pallet of Crown Victoria Parts, push bumpers, etc. | Police Department |
| 34. Various brooms, bulbs, cups, towels chemicals | Purchasing Department |
| 35. Roland Color cam Pro City Tag #03978 | Purchasing Department |
| 36. 4 Stihl weed eaters | Public Works |
| 37. 4 Echo weed eaters | Public Works |
| 38. Compressor, floor jack, drill press | Central Garage |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that said items be sold either by auction, on GovDeal.com, or by receiving bids.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of April, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that the Police Department wanted to donate eight body cams that had been declared surplus to the Town of Baldwin and a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement was needed; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-12

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City and the Town of Baldwin are governmental entities authorized to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements pursuant to La. Const. Art. VI, Sec. 20 and Art. VII, Sec. 14 (c); and

WHEREAS, the City has declared eight Safety Vision Primafacie 32G body camera units and one Primafacie Docking Station surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Baldwin Police Department is in need of the body cams and docking station.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Morgan City and the Town of Baldwin for the donation of 8 body cams and docking station.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The first reading of the millage ordinance was opened. No definitive action was necessary.

The first reading of the roll forward millage ordinance was opened. No definitive action was necessary.

Mayor Dragna submitted the names of Mr. James Bennett, Jr. for appointment to the Morgan City Development District and Mr. Will Montgomery and Mrs. Bethanie Thibodaux to the Main Street Committee. A motion to concur in the appointments was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor