

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
AUGUST 26, 2025

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, Thomas Hutchinson, Jr., Tim Hymel, and Bonnie Leonard.

Absent: None

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

The invocation was given.

The Positive Image recipient for the month of August was Assistant Police Chief Betty Augman. Police Chief Chad Adams announced that Captain Betty Augman had been promoted to Assistant Police Chief and presented Assistant Chief Augman with her 30-year service pin.

Chief Chad Adams requested permission to hold the National Night Out event at Lawrence Park on October 14, 2025, from 5 PM to 8 PM (copy on file). A motion to allow the event was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Jazmin Dubois with the St. Mary Parish Youth Prevention Coalition requested permission to hold a candlelight vigil and Walk of Hope to support lives lost to suicide at Lawrence Park on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 6 PM to 9 PM (copy on file). A motion to allow the event was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Colleen Hammonds with the Roots & Ribbons Foundation invited the Mayor and Council to participate in the "Puttin on the Pink – 2025" 5K on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 4 PM at Morey Park in Patterson.

Mr. Eframzimbalist Randle, founder of the EBP Community Boxing program, challenged the Mayor and Council to sponsor tables for the upcoming Lace 'Em Up amateur fight night on September 20, 2025, at 5 PM at the Berwick Civic Center.

Mr. Clarence Robinson requested permission to hold the 12th Annual Prostate Screening at Skinners Barbershop on September 13, 2025, from 9 AM to 12 PM (copy on file).. A motion to allow the screening was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Charlie Solar advised the Mayor and Council that the ribbon cutting for the 90th Annual Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival would take place on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 5 PM. He said that the road work in Lakeside was almost complete, and after Labor Day, the crews would move on to other areas of town. He also advised the Council that permission was needed to hold a Twisted Cat Nation fishing tournament on November 6, 2025 through November 8, 2025, at the City Wharf. A motion to approve the tournament was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

Pastor Bias invited everyone out for the Marcus Jones 100 Black Men 5K Run/Walk beginning at 7:30 AM on Sunday, August 30, 2025, at City Hall.

In the matter of the Mayor's Report, Mayor Dragna stated that the second payment of \$530,000 from the 3M Settlement would be sent to the City this week.

The minutes of the July 22, 2025 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending July 31, 2025.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
DATE:	August 26, 2025
TO:	Mayor and Council
FROM:	Deborah Garber
RE:	Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended July 31, 2025.

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 July 31, 2025. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual revenues are over budget by \$104,590. Sales tax in General Fund are currently \$114,000 over budget. Operating expenses, however, are over budget \$123,307. The net loss of \$2,065,447 is an unfavorable variance of \$16,186 as compared to the adopted budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues in this fund remain under budget, but only by \$395,895 this month. Electric revenues alone are 455,000 under budget. The operational expenses are over budget by \$38,415. The net income, after transfers, of \$758,477 creates an unfavorable variance again this month as compared to the budget of \$269,758 which is much less than last month.

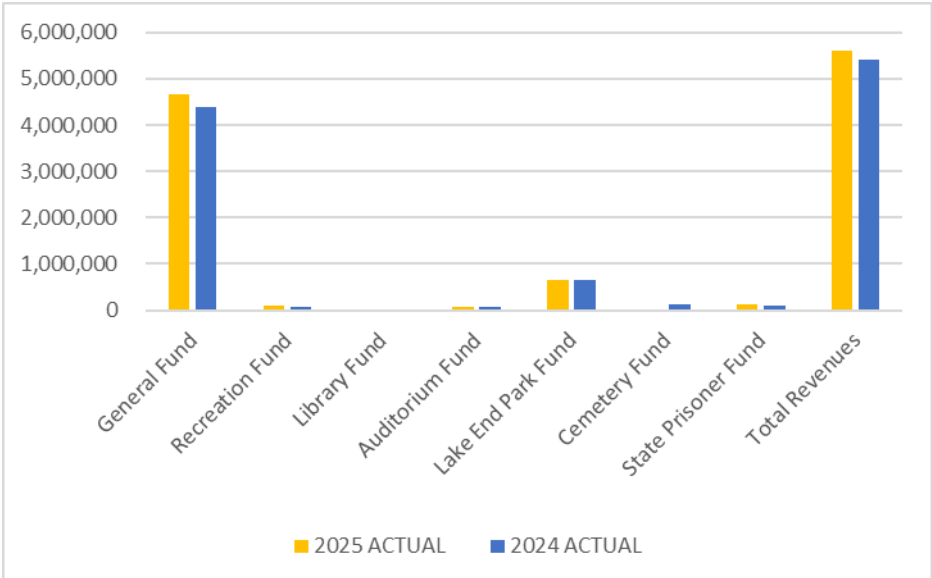
Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are slightly over budget by \$46,397, with total operating expenses under budget by \$75,691. The net income, after transfers, of \$379,789 leaves the only favorable variance this month of \$147,039.

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

CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Prior Year
Period Ended July 31, 2025

	JULY 2025 ACTUAL	JULY 2024 ACTUAL
REVENUES		
General Fund	4,657,508	4,389,200
Recreation Fund	88,967	83,486
Library Fund	3,738	5,447
Auditorium Fund	55,997	62,185
Lake End Park Fund	664,529	650,024
Cemetery Fund	20,313	130,533
State Prisoner Fund	118,550	98,698
Total Revenues	5,609,602	5,419,573
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL		
General Fund	7,343,734	6,749,554
Recreation Fund	317,586	302,028
Library Fund	84,614	66,074
Auditorium Fund	385,233	312,275
Lake End Park Fund	617,757	745,109
Cemetery Fund	155,685	166,629
State Prisoner Fund	381,349	393,808
Total Expenses	9,285,958	8,735,477
TRANSFERS		
Transfers from Funds	2,551,226	1,920,000

Transfers to Funds	(940,317)	(623,000)
Net Transfers	1,610,909	1,297,000
Excess(deficiency) net of transfers	(2,065,447)	(2,018,904)



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 Condemnation and Demolition report. Mr. Jimmy stated that the owners of 405 First Street, 317 Garber Street, 713 Hilda Street, and 207 and 209 Union Street would be removed from the agenda because the homeowners had worked out a plan to repair the properties with the Planning & Zoning department. He said the house at 3221 Jennie Drive needed to be removed from the agenda because the attorney for the bank that now owned the property had been in contact with the City.

Mr. Knight asked to take up 2203 Federal Avenue first because the homeowner was present and had to leave. Mr. David Ganaway said that the house was in succession, and he had been ill and not able to do repairs. He asked the council for 60 days to complete the needed repairs on the house. A motion to allow Mr. Ganaway 60 days to undergo the repairs on 2203 Federal Avenue was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

In the matter of the house at 1310 Federal Avenue, Mr. Knight said the homeowner was asking for 45 more days to complete the repairs, and that was his recommendation to the Council. A motion to allow 45 days to complete the repairs was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next property on the condemnation list was 2204 Federal Avenue. A motion to condemn the property at 2204 Federal Avenue was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Knight said that the property located at 7884 Hwy 182 E had been adjudicated to the Parish. A motion to condemn the property located at 7884 Highway 182 E was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Knight recommended that the owner of the property located at 2707 Sixth Street be given the sixty days they requested to complete the repairs to the property. A motion to grant a sixty day extension to the owners of 2707 Sixth Street was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

The Planning and Zoning Committee recommendation was the next matter on the agenda. Mayor Dragna said that LAD Services owned a piece of property on David Drive that they wanted to build 20 single family homes on and submitted a map (copy on file). He said that the houses would be rental property but in order to not have the houses connected to one another, the property had to be rezoned. The Planning & Zoning Commission had unanimously voted in favor of the rezoning. A motion to approve the Planning & Zoning Commission’s recommendation was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State for the Citywide Sewer Rehabilitation project; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 25-49

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City was awarded a Capital Outlay appropriation from the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning & Control, for the purpose of Citywide Sewer Rehabilitation, Planning and Construction; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Facility Planning & Control requires the City to designate a signing authority.

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 and empowered as signing authority for the City of Morgan City.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The Class “A” Liquor and Beer application for Patrick Billiot d/b/a Unc’s Place, LLC, 7222 Highway 182 E was the next matter on the agenda. Mr. Billiot said this was the former Rathskeller Bar, and he had an interest in opening it as a new bar. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Dragna submitted the name of Patrina Coulon for appointment to the Board of Adjustments, and Kenneth Arceneaux, Jr., and Timothy Matthews, Sr. for reappointment to the Civil Service Board. A motion to concur in the appointments was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, 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