

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
FEBRUARY 26, 2013

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 Frank P. Grizzaffi, III Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Barry Dufrene, James Fontenot, Tim Hymel, and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: None

Also present were Mr. Marcus Folse, Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Gregory Aucoin, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Marty Harden, Bethel Pentecostal Fellowship.

This month's positive image persons were Mrs. Rhonda Raymond Dennis and Mr. Ernie Fabre. Mayor Grizzaffi congratulated Mrs. Dennis on her newest book in the Green Bayou Series and presented her with a certification. He commended Mr. Fabre on his heroic behavior during the recent garbage truck fire and presented him with a certificate.

The Patterson Cypress Sawmill Festival Queen Ms. Jessica Decuir invited the Mayor and Council to the annual Queens breakfast on March 23, 2013 and invited the public to come out to this year's festival.

Mrs. Beverly Domengeaux with the St. Mary Council on Aging requested that the City donate \$10,000 to them as they had done in the past. The money had been put into the 2013 budget. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Janada Anslum Price with the Morgan City Volunteer Firefighters Association requested that they be allowed to hold a boot drive on March 29 from 11:00 AM to dusk at the intersections of Highway 182 and Highway 90 and Highway 90 and Louisiana Highway 70 to benefit the family of fallen police officer Rick Riggerbach. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

The minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending January 31, 2013.

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**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**DATE:** February 26, 2013  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Deborah Garber  
**RE:** Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended January 31, 2013.

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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 January 31, 2013. The following comments are related thereto:

**General and Ancillary Funds:** Actual total revenues are below budget by \$44,700. The sales taxes in the General Fund are \$41,300 under budget. Operating expenses are below budget by \$67,000. The net income, after transfers, of \$55,300 creates a favorable variance of \$22,300.

**Utility Fund:** Actual revenues are under budget by \$74,500, with operational expenses also under budget by \$75,100. The net loss, after transfers, of \$4,400 creates a favorable variance of \$600.

**Sanitation and Sewer Fund:** The operating revenues are \$1,700 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$23,300. The net loss, after transfers, of \$80,000 leaves a favorable variance of \$25,000.

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

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(5,090)  
627

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SEWER  
FUND**

Total  
Revenu  
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176,637  
174,934  
1,703

Total  
Expens  
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227,349  
250,671  
(23,322)

Net  
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(50,712)  
(75,738)  
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A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Garber presented the Council with the annual financial statement of the Police Pension and Relief Fund.

CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA  
BALANCE SHEET

Police Pension and Relief Fund  
December 31, 2012

	2012	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 28,655	\$ 6,005
Investments (Restricted)	15,001	59,333
Receivables:		
Accrued Interest Rec.	2	23
Other		-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 43,658</b>	<b>\$ 65,361</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>		
Accrued liabilities		
Due to other funds		
Restricted Fund Balance (as restated)	43,658	65,361
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 43,658</b>	<b>\$ 65,361</b>

A motion to accept the Police Pension and Relief Fund Statement was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the finance committee recommendations, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-18

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the following Finance Committee recommendations be and the same are hereby approved:

1. Approve the purchase of 2 washer/dryers at a cost of \$7,598.00 to come out of Lake End Park Fund balance.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Dufrene, Bias, Fontenot, Tamporello  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

In the matter of the sale of surplus property Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the sale of a sailboat that was abandoned at the City Wharf brought in \$700.00.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Sanitation Department had been working seven days a week to get the garbage picked up and that City residents should leave their cans at the curb until they were emptied. He stated that the administration and the Council were looking into different alternatives that would give the residents affordable garbage collection. Mr. Tamporello asked that the public be patient and the media get the word out to the public.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he would like to recommend Travis Crouch as Chief of Police. A motion to accept the appointment of Travis Crouch as Chief of Police was made by Mr. Hymel and seconded by Mr. Fontenot. Roll call on the motion resulted as follows:  
YEAS: Hymel, Fontenot, Dufrene, Tamporello NAYS: Bias  
ABSTAIN: None Motion carried.

In the matter of the Planning & Zoning recommendations, Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the committee had recommended the approval of the request of Mr. David Tisdale to re-subdivide 1114 and 1116 Second Street. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the committee had recommended the approval of the request of Mr. Sidney Roy to re-subdivide the property located on Sixth Street. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the surplus property ordinance, whereupon, Reverend Bias offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-19

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. Tascam Recorder                            | City Court        |
| 2. Lanier Fax                                 | City Court        |
| 3. Microphone System                          | City Court        |
| 4. 3 APC Battery Backups                      | City Court        |
| 5. HP Laser Printer                           | City Court        |
| 6. TCBC Monitor                               | City Court        |
| 7. Water Cooler                               | City Court        |
| 8. Pitney Bowes Postage Meter                 | City Court        |
| 9. Dell Monitor                               | City Court        |
| 10. Fellows Shredder                          | City Court        |
| 11. Brother MFC8300 Fax Machine               | City Court        |
| 12. 4 – Dell Monitors with Keyboard and Mouse | City Court        |
| 13. 4 Hard Drives (need to be destroyed)      | City Court        |
| 14. Radio Shack Recorder                      | City Court        |
| 15. Box of Microphones                        | City Court        |
| 16. Computer                                  | Planning & Zoning |
| 17. 1 Dell Monitor and Mouse                  | Planning & Zoning |
| 18. 1 Acer Monitor and Mouse                  | Planning & Zoning |
| 19. 1 HP Deskjet 940C Printer                 | Planning & Zoning |
| 20. 1 Dell 4409-ODI Printer                   | Planning & Zoning |

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

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:  
AYES: Bias, Tamporello, Dufrene, Fontenot, Hymel

NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Young Fund had requested a supplemental lease for the ball park on Young's Road, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-20

WHEREAS, Lease Amendment No. R:05-77 between the City of Morgan City and the H & B Young Foundation for the Dixie League Park located on Young's Road has expired, and

WHEREAS, both parties are desirous of supplementing this lease; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed in the name of and on behalf of the City of Morgan City to execute said lease amendment between the City and the H & B Young Foundation for the extension of Lease Amendment R:05-77.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mr. Bill Cefalu stated that bids were received for the 138 kV Gas Circuit Breaker and the consultant recommended that the bid be awarded to the firm of ABB, Inc., whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-21

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the bid of ABB Inc. for furnishing all materials, etc., for the 138 kV Gas Circuit Breaker in the amount of FOURTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (49,903.00) being the least and most responsible bid received, be and the same is hereby accepted and awarded to ABB Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said ABB Inc. for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for furnishing all materials for the 138 kV Gas Circuit Breaker, 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. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Hymel, Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the narcotic dog "Betsey" needed to be retired and that her current handler John Schaff had agreed to care for her, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-22

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Police Department has a Belgian Malinois dog (Betsey) that served as a drug dog; and

WHEREAS, the dog is no longer certified and is considered retired and no longer involved in any police services; and

WHEREAS, Officer John Schaff has agreed to care and provide for the dog at his home upon her retirement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the Mayor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with John Schaff for the future care of Betsey.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Dufrene, Bias, Fontenot, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the names of Mr. Corey Denning for appointment to the Recreation & Parks Commission, Mrs. Mary Berry to the Convention, Culture and Tourism Commission, Mrs. Kendra Thomas as a full member of the Board of Adjustments, and Mr. Larry Pennison and Mrs. Sarah Burton for reappointment to the Archives. A motion to concur in these appointments was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor