

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
JULY 26, 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, Mark Stephens 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 Marty Harden.

The Positive Image recipients for the month of July were Lieutenant Colonel Cory Williams and First Sergeant Bobby Stubbs of the Morgan City High School JROTC program. Mr. Hymel thanked them and their students for the impressive accomplishments in the program.

Mr. Patrick Haller with the Morgan City Firefighter's Association submitted a request to hold their annual "Fill the Boot" drive on September 2, 2022 (copy on file). A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Dragna stated that the Greeks United Against Violence in Schools and Communities submitted a request to hold a motorcade on August 6, 2022 (copy on file). A motion to approve the motorcade was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Hal Bruni submitted a request to hold the first annual "Yea You Right" music festival at Lake End Parkway on November 18 – 22, 2022 (copy on file). A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Gerard Bourgeois, attorney for the Port of Morgan City, addressed the Council regarding passing an ordinance that would allow the City to force any vessel docked at the wharf during a dredge to move. He stated that last year they had run into problems with one vessel in particular, and there was no recourse for the city or the port. The Port would be taking up an ordinance at their meeting this month and he asked that the City introduce a similar ordinance at their August meeting.

Mrs. Bonnie Knobloch with Champagne Events submitted a request to the Council to hold the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Shannon Hardware on October 21, 2022 (copy on file). A motion to approve the request was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello and voted unanimously in favor.

In the matter of the mayor's update, Mayor Dragna stated that the façade grants were underway around town and he was very proud of the work that was being done. Several local businesses had taken part in the program and there were still twelve more to be done.

The minutes of the June 28, 2022 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2022.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: July 26, 2022
TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Deborah Garber
 RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended June 30, 2022.

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 June 30, 2022. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: The actual total revenues remain over budget by \$534,498. Sales taxes in General Fund were over budget by \$286,000, dividend from workmen's compensation by \$100,000, and Fines by \$62,000, and Parkway and Lake End Park by 136,800. Operating expenses are below budget by \$485,928. The net loss, after transfers, of \$342,247 is a favorable variance of \$1,020,426 compared to the budget.

Utility Fund: There has been a shift in this fund during June. Actual revenues are now under budget by \$116,623. The operational expenses are currently over budget by \$273,757. The cost of purchased power is \$400,000 over budget and natural gas is over by \$124,000, both of which contribute to the change in this fund during the month. The net loss, after transfers, of \$1,039,455 creates an unfavorable variance of \$344,430.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: This fund remained a little more static as compared to prior months. The operating revenues remain under budget by \$26,755, with total operating expenses under budget by \$46,442. The net income, after transfers, of \$387,246 leaves another favorable variance this month of \$17,272.

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

CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
 Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended June 30, 2022

	JUNE 2022	JUNE 2022	
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	3,258,332	2,825,920	432,412
Recreation Fund	67,941	45,110	22,831
Library Fund	6,103	7,261	(1,158)
Auditorium Fund	44,615	31,899	12,716
Lake End Park Fund	549,851	412,982	136,869
State Prisoner Fund	122,090	191,262	(69,172)
Total Revenues	4,048,932	3,514,434	534,498
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	4,986,647	5,236,835	(250,188)
Recreation Fund	194,551	237,955	(43,404)
Library Fund	41,217	76,299	(35,082)
Auditorium Fund	214,596	238,846	(24,250)
Lake End Park Fund	413,401	493,451	(80,050)
State Prisoner Fund	371,767	424,721	(52,954)
Total Expenses	6,222,179	6,708,107	(485,928)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	2,319,000	2,319,000	0
Transfers to Funds	(488,000)	(488,000)	0
Net Transfers	1,831,000	1,831,000	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(342,247)	(1,362,673)	1,020,426

UTILITY FUND

Total Revenues	10,458,039	10,574,662	(116,623)
Total Expenditures	9,800,963	9,527,206	273,757
Net Excess	657,076	1,047,456	(390,380)
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,696,531)	(1,742,481)	45,950
Excess net of transfers	(1,039,455)	(695,025)	(344,430)

SANITATION AND SEWER FUND

Total Revenues	1,474,213	1,500,968	(26,755)
Total Expenses	1,722,739	1,769,181	(46,442)
Net Excess	(248,526)	(268,213)	19,687
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	635,772	638,187	(2,415)
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	387,246	369,974	17,272

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

Mr. Gerald Thibodeaux with Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co. gave the annual audit report for the City for the year ending December 31, 2021 (copy on file).

The next matter on the agenda was the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for excess dirt and soil; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 22-32

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City (“City”) and the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (“District”) 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 District has excess dirt and soil available from the Youngswood Yard Rehabilitation Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has a need for the excess dirt and soil at Lake End Park, underneath the Highway 90 Bridge, and at the City Recreation Complex; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City is desirous of entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District to share tasks and/or expenses necessary to obtain the excess dirt and soil and assure improvements to Lake End Park, underneath the Highway 90 Bridge and the City Recreation Complex.

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, empowered and directed to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Morgan City and the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District for the excess dirt and soil.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of July, 2022.

Lee Dragna
 Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
 Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the DOTD Morgan City Sidewalks Grant; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 22-33

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City has received \$930,000 from the DOTD Safe Routes to Public Places grant for the Morgan City Sidewalk project; and

WHEREAS, the City will be responsible for Right of Way acquisition, Utility Relocation and Non infrastructure non enhancements.

WHEREAS, an agreement and a funding commitment letter need to be signed to accomplish this.

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, empowered, and directed to execute an agreement and funding commitment with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of July, 2022.

Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that a \$3,500 grant had been approved from the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area for a Historic Walking Trail app; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 22-34

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City has received \$3,500.00 from the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Grant for the Historic Walking Tour App; and

WHEREAS, a Grant Award Acceptance form and Terms of Agreement Form must be signed.

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, empowered, and directed to execute a Grant Award Acceptance form and Terms of Agreement Form for the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Grant for the Historic Walking Tour App.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of July, 2022.

Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that the Shrimp & Petroleum Festival kept seven metal picnic tables under the bridge for the City to use year-round and did not want to be liable for any accident or injury; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 22-35

WHEREAS the Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival owns seven metal picnic tables located under the Highway 90 bridge in Morgan City, Louisiana and uses these tables during the Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival event each year; and

WHEREAS the City of Morgan City is in need of these picnic tables for use by the public when the Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival event is not occurring; and

WHEREAS the Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival provides insurance and is liable for any and all accidents or claims for death, bodily injury, liability, demands and expenses or costs of every kind and character whatever, on account of, or growing out of or in any manner connected with the use of the above described picnic tables during the festival event each year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the city council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that it hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival against any and all accidents or claims for death, bodily injury, liability, demands and expenses or costs of every kind and character whatever, on

account of, or growing out of or in any manner connected with the use of the above described picnic tables at all times except during the Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival event each year.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of July, 2022.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The public hearing was opened for the Electric Deposit Ordinance. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on June 28, 2022. Published by title on July 6, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 110-32, METER DEPOSITS; SECURITY LIGHTS, OF CHAPTER 110, UTILITIES, ARTICLE II, ELECTRIC SERVICE TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE TO CONSUMERS FROM THE CITY'S SYSTEM

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 110-32 of Chapter 110, Article II Electric Service is hereby amended and re-enacted, said section to read as follows:

Section 110-32 - Meter Deposits; Security Lights

(a) *Meter deposits* are as follows:

- (1) Homeowners, nonhomeowners, mobile homes, apartments, etc., \$100.00, with valid US Drivers License, Passport, or other United States issued Picture ID. For anyone not able to produce a valid United States issued Picture ID, the deposit shall be \$1,000.00. For existing homeowners, mobile homes, apartment, etc., who are delinquent, the deposit shall be an average of the highest three bills in a twelve (12) month period.
- (2) Commercial or industrial, one month's average utility bill as follows: \$200.00 deposit at time of connect, the balance to equal one month's utility bill to be adjusted according to average of first three months' bills. The total deposit in any case shall not be less than \$200.00.

For existing Commercial or industrial accounts who are delinquent, the deposit shall be an average of the highest three bills in a twelve (12) month period.

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. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Domangue, Stephens, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: Bias

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 26th day of July, 2022.

Delivered to Mayor at 1:00 PM, this 27th day of July, 2022.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 27th day of July, 2022.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor at 1:15 PM on July 27, 2022.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: July 29, 2022

The next matter on the agenda was the Freeboard adoption. Mayor Dragna stated that he had a lengthy conversation with Mr. Joiner with LSU and he felt it may adversely affect some of the citizens. A motion to table the issue was made by Mr. Stephens, 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 Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor