

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
JULY 27, 2021

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 Bias.

Mayor Dragna challenged the Council to submit names for the Positive Image award.

Mark Olivier with the Warriors of His Presence Ministries requested use of the area under the US 90 Bridge across from 604 Greenwood Street to hold an outreach function, serving red beans and rice, while providing worship music and ministering of the Gospel. Pastor Bias suggested that a port a potty be placed on site. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Edward Anthony addressed the Council regarding the St. Mary Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. He stated that an extensive review of the plan had already been completed by FEMA. Once resolutions were passed by all jurisdictions, they would be forwarded to FEMA for final approval. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Virgil Allen with the Mr. Charlie Rig Museum addressed the Council regarding having the Mr. Charlie listed as a National Historic Landmark. He stated that a consulting firm needed to be hired at a cost of \$35,000. An anonymous donor had agreed to pay half of the cost. He was looking for the other half of the money. Mayor Dragna stated that the City would need time to review the information. Mr. Allen stated that the application did not need to be completed until the spring of 2022.

Mayor Dragna gave the Council an update of ongoing City projects. He stated that eight generators had been ordered for the sewer pump stations and in case of emergencies. He thanked Dwayne Barbier and the Recreation Department for the success of the recent All-Star Tournament. The drainage problem at the end of Federal Avenue had been resolved. He stated that the barricades at the end of Sixth Street were an eyesore and they were looking to replace those barricades. The City was currently looking to have a carving done in Oak Tree stump at Lawrence Park. They were also looking for a large Oak Tree to be relocated to the Park. He said the first meeting of the Land Development District would take place on August 18. He advised the Council that New Zora Baptist Church requested to hold a fun day on Saturday July 31 from 10 AM to 1 PM. They had requested to close Federal Avenue from General MacArthur to Terrebonne Street. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

The minutes of the June 22, 2021 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 June 30, 2021.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: July 27, 2021
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, 2021.

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, 2021. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues continue to be over budget by \$401,686. Majority of that is due to Sales taxes in General Fund being over budget by \$190,000. Operating expenses are below budget by \$289,566. The net loss, after transfers, of \$935,413 is a favorable variance of \$691,252 compared to the budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are increasingly under budget \$860,118. The operational expenses are also under budget but only by \$706,445. Approximately \$385,000 of that is due to the cost of purchased power and natural gas. The net loss, after transfers, of \$370,113 creates an unfavorable variance this month of \$106,528.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are slightly over budget by \$10,525, with total operating expenses considerably under budget by \$215,739. The net income, after transfers, of \$479,924 leaves a favorable variance of \$227,144.

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, 2021

	JUNE 2021	JUNE 2021	
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	3,006,029	2,649,313	356,716
Recreation Fund	52,444	73,072	(20,628)
Library Fund	7,223	7,261	(38)
Auditorium Fund	29,532	41,541	(12,009)
Lake End Park Fund	488,298	382,546	105,752
State Prisoner Fund	201,901	230,008	(28,107)
Total Revenues	3,785,427	3,383,741	401,686
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	5,285,516	5,408,026	(122,510)
Recreation Fund	178,093	283,569	(105,476)
Library Fund	40,843	57,400	(16,557)
Auditorium Fund	229,238	241,282	(12,044)
Lake End Park Fund	436,546	469,875	(33,329)
State Prisoner Fund	206,604	206,254	350
Total Expenses	6,376,840	6,666,406	(289,566)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	1,905,000	1,905,000	0
Transfers to Funds	(249,000)	(249,000)	0
Net Transfers	1,656,000	1,656,000	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(935,413)	(1,626,665)	691,252
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	9,615,158	10,475,276	(860,118)

Total Expenditures	8,265,030	8,971,475	(706,445)
Net Excess	1,350,128	1,503,801	(153,673)
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,720,241)	(1,767,386)	47,145
Excess net of transfers	<u>(370,113)</u>	<u>(263,585)</u>	<u>(106,528)</u>

SANITATION AND SEWER FUND

Total Revenues	1,452,209	1,441,684	10,525
Total Expenses	1,501,509	1,717,248	(215,739)
Net Excess	(49,300)	(275,564)	226,264
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	529,224	528,344	880
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	<u>479,924</u>	<u>252,780</u>	<u>227,144</u>

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 Finance Committee recommendations; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-24

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. Allocate \$35,000 from Lake End Park to purchase the following items:
 - a. 72" zero turn mower \$12,000
 - b. Security cameras for office and gatehouse \$ 3,400
 - c. 2 John Deere gators \$14,000
 - d. Picnic tables for 11 new sites \$ 4,800

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27th day of July, 2021.

 Lee Dragna
 Mayor

ATTEST:

 Debbie Harrington
 Clerk

In the matter of the condemnation report, Compliance Officer Pete Lawton stated that no contact had been made with the owner of 310 Fifth Street. Taxes had not been paid and the property had been adjudicated to the City. Pastor Bias suggested that the house be demolished. Pete stated it would cost around \$2,000 to accomplish the demolition. A motion to demolish the house was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Dragna stated that he had met with representatives from the St. Mary Parish School Board regarding Shannon Elementary. He stated the Maintenance Board would meet on August 7 to suggest to the School Board that maintenance on the school be discontinued. The matter would be put to a vote on August 12, 2021. Mr. Hymel stated that he had spoken to a few members and they said they would be in favor of leasing the school to the City. Mayor Dragna stated that he would like to send a letter to the School Board with a request to lease the school and see what the School Board offered. A motion to concur was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21--25

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

1. Bolens Iseki G242 Farm Tractor

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

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27th day of July, 2021.

Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

In the matter of the Shelton Energy Solutions Contract, Mayor Dragna stated that the company would like to complete a survey to test the load rate of all power poles in the City. He stated that other companies tie into the poles and some are overloaded. These companies, including AT&T and Allen's TV Cable, did not pay a fair price for the tie in and the company would recommend a new, fair price. The company would also give the City certification of the poles for FEMA purposes. Electrical Director Bill Cefalu approved the project. Mr. Tamporello stated that they would also check for any rotten poles that needed to be replaced. Mr. Landry stated that changes were made to the contract regarding indemnification of the City; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-26

WHEREAS, the firm of Shelton Energy Solutions from Alexandria, Louisiana wishes to provide a Storm Assessment, Attachee Permitting, and an Attachment Audit for the City of Morgan City Distribution System; and

WHEREAS, a contract between the City and Shelton Energy Solutions is necessary.

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 contract.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27th day of July, 2021.

Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna offered the name of Mr. Bobby Dufrene for appointment to the Land Development Board. A motion to concur in the appointment was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Lee Dragna
Mayor