

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
OCTOBER 28, 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: Council Members Ron Bias, Bonnie Leonard, Tim Hymel, and Thomas Hutchinson, Jr.

Absent: Mayor Lee Dragna, Steve Domangue.

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Brian Larson.

The Positive Image recipients for the month of October were Officer Ryan Aucoin, Narcotics Sergeant Brandon Billiot, Detective Sergeant Dustin Fromenthal, Detective Lieutenant Ricky Hartley, Detective Khai Hartley, and Detective Jeremiah Rink. Police Chief Chad Adams said that while traveling home, Officer Aucoin observed a vehicle matching the description of suspects in recent national ATM burglaries. As a result of that traffic stop, a large sum of money and other evidence were recovered, and the suspects later confessed. These individuals may also be affiliated with a violent transnational criminal organization from Venezuela. He said Officer Aucoin's quick actions and coordination with local agencies was a great reflection on himself as well as the entire department. This arrest also led to arrests in Lafayette, Chicago, and Florida. He also recognized Narcotics Sergeant Brandon Billiot, Detective Sergeant Dustin Fromenthal, Detective Lieutenant Ricky Hartley, Detective Khai Hartley, and Detective Jeremiah Rink. He said they worked tirelessly to identify the vehicle, working with our Flock system, and that hopefully these arrests will prevent other people from thinking Morgan City is a soft target for committing crimes.

Mrs. Jenny Bailey addressed the Council regarding the third annual Tri City Weenie Spaghetti Cookoff (copy on file). She requested that the event be held on October 10, 2026, under the US Hwy 90 bridge. She said this event would benefit Hearts of Hope. A motion to approve the event was made by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Dr. Kristal Hebert, Executive Director of the ARC of St. Mary, said she would like one of her members, Jordan Lee from Morgan City, to speak on behalf of the program. Jordan said she was diagnosed with autism at the age of four and has struggled with communication because of it. The employees at ARC were easy people to talk to and meant the world to her. She thanked her father and her stepmother for being hardworking, good people. Her principal at Morgan City High School was Mr. Hymel, and he always helped her whenever she encountered any problems. She said that graduating from High School was the best day of her life. Mrs. Hebert gave the council an informational sheet (copy on file) and thanked them for their time and leadership.

Mr. Kolin Leonard thanked everyone on behalf of himself and the NICS organization for the support of their 1st annual Trunk or Treat. He said over 130 children from Lafayette, Hammond, New Orleans, Centerville, and the Houma area with special needs came out to enjoy the fun. Mr. Leonard requested permission to hold the 4th Annual Mama G's Bar and Grill Swamp Pop Festival on May 1 & 2, 2026 (copy on file). He said that the festival was the biggest NICS fundraiser of the year, and last year they raised almost \$22,000. He said there would be music beginning Friday from 6:00 PM to 9:45 PM, and then on Saturday, the festivities would kick off at 11:00 AM and end at 8:30 PM. The event would include, in addition to music, food trucks from out of town and a live auction. A motion to approve the event was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Brooks Rentrop with Da' Bayou Paddle Co. requested permission to hold the 2nd Annual Pit vs. Pot event on August 8, 2026 (copy on file). He said the event would be held under the US 90 bridge from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, with the teams and vendors setting up as early as 5:00 AM. This year there were 448 people in attendance and a number of hotel rooms and air bnb bookings because of the event. He was hoping to grow the cookoff each

year. There would be a kid fun zone, music and food. A motion to approve the Pit Vs. Pot Cookoff was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Lily Escort addressed the Council regarding the 3rd annual feeding of the community under the US Hwy 90 bridge on November 8, 2025, beginning at noon. She said it would take place at the corner of Third and Greenwood Streets and everyone was welcome to attend. A motion to approve the community feeding was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Leonard reminded everyone that the annual Budget Workshop would take place on November 6, 2025, at 3:00 PM at the Recreation Department on Everett Street. Pastor Bias reminded everyone that October was Breast Cancer Awareness month, and many local organizations were holding fundraisers and awareness events. He felt it was very important for everyone to be screened regularly. Pastor Bias also mentioned that the company doing the blacktop projects around the city was doing a tremendous job. He also advised that the Blue Devil Field at Norman Park would be dedicated as soon as the cement was completed. Mr. Hymel said that the DOTD Representative had spoken at the Council of Governments meeting and mentioned that the Long-Allen Bridge was now projected to open in early summer 2026.

The minutes of the September 23, 2025 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr.. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2025.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
DATE:	October 28, 2025
TO:	Mayor and Council
FROM:	Deborah Garber
RE:	Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended September 30, 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 September 30, 2025. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual revenues are just over budget by \$55,608. Operating expenses and transfers to other funds are also over budget \$84,070. The net deficiency of \$3,133,636 is an unfavorable variance of \$218,462 as compared to the adopted budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues in this fund remain over budget this month by \$244,394. The operational expenses are also over budget by \$1,132,649. The net excess, after transfers, of \$522,770 creates an unfavorable variance again this month as compared to the budget of \$721,307.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are slightly over budget by \$56,051, with total operating expenses under budget by \$62,813. The net excess, after transfers, of \$361,885 leaves the only favorable variance again this month of \$134,789.

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

CITY OF MORGAN CITY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget Period Ended September 30, 2025						
				SEPTEMBER 2025 ACTUAL	SEPTEMBER 2025 BUDGET	SEPTEMBER 2024 ACTUAL
					VARIANCE	
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS						
REVENUES						
General Fund				5,927,628	5,866,093	5,343,532
Recreation Fund				98,144	69,100	91,524
Library Fund				4,058	3,600	6,447
Auditorium Fund				64,581	62,763	73,648
Lake End Park Fund				845,783	850,766	727,496
Cemetery Fund				106,279	177,306	138,087
State Prisoner Fund				147,520	108,757	142,242
Total Revenues				7,193,993	7,138,385	6,522,976
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL						
General Fund				9,373,019	9,070,227	8,527,295
Recreation Fund				373,400	514,006	356,986
Library Fund				107,378	133,473	87,368
Auditorium Fund				478,420	388,783	505,143
Lake End Park Fund				793,350	979,119	903,470
Cemetery Fund				193,906	206,232	212,612
State Prisoner Fund				499,616	443,179	498,658
Total Expenses				11,819,089	11,735,019	11,091,532
TRANSFERS						
Transfers from Funds				3,383,678	3,313,678	2,837,500
Transfers to Funds				(1,892,218)	(1,632,218)	(800,385)
Net Transfers				1,491,460	1,681,460	2,037,115
Excess(deficiency) net of transfers				(3,133,636)	(2,915,174)	(2,531,441)
UTILITY FUND						
Total Revenues				18,700,849	18,456,455	17,316,128
Total Expenditures				15,890,808	14,758,159	14,090,892
Net Excess				2,810,041	3,698,296	3,225,236
Net Transfers and non-oper.				(2,287,271)	(2,454,219)	(2,416,420)
Excess net of transfers				522,770	1,244,077	808,816
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND						
Total Revenues				2,594,266	2,538,215	2,556,187
Total Expenses				3,315,096	3,377,909	3,180,328
Net Excess				(720,830)	(839,694)	(624,141)
Net Transfers/non- operating expenses				1,082,715	1,066,790	1,079,071
Excess net of transfers and non-operati				361,885	227,096	454,930

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

The next matter on the agenda was the substantial completion for the Park Road Sewer Pump Station, whereupon;

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 25-56

WHEREAS, the firm of LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC. has substantially completed the work done under contract No. R:24-32 for the Park Road Sewer Pump Station project, dated August 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has requested that this work be put in the lien period, and

WHEREAS, the engineer for the project has recommended acceptance of said project as substantially complete, to begin the forty-five (45) day lien period with no items remaining to be done, and

WHEREAS, before final payment is made, the engineer will so certify to the City that the project is fully complete and approve the payment of the retainage,

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 to execute the "Certificate of Substantial Completion" and that a copy of this resolution, along with said "Certificate" be filed with the Clerk of Courts of the Parish of St. Mary to initiate the forty-five (45) day lien period for the work done under the above mentioned contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to sign a Final Recap Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Charlie Solar, CAO, said that the Grant Management Consultant Services were needed for the Lake End Parkway as well as the RAISE grants. Request for Qualifications had been received and he felt the best company was Royal Engineers and Consultants Services; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 25-57

WHEREAS, the City requires professional expertise in grants management consulting; and

WHEREAS, requests for proposals were received on October 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, after grading the proposals, Charlie Solar, Jr., CAO, has recommended entering into an agreement with the firms of Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC for assistance in the Grant Management Consultant Services.

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 contract with Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC for the Grant Management Consultant Services.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The retention of an attorney to handle our adjudicated properties was the next matter on the agenda; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R:25-58

WHEREAS the City of Morgan City, from time to time, is in need of the services of an attorney-at-law to perform certain designated projects such as interpreting municipal ordinances, ensuring due process, navigating procedural rules, and representing the city in court or administrative hearings in connection with the adjudication of property and for legal matters pertaining to the City, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tessa Seitzinger, Attorney-at-law, has, in the past, handled such cases and has agreed to assist the city, when needed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the city council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that it hereby retains Mrs. Tessa Seitzinger to (a) perform any adjudication work when needed, at an hourly rate plus court costs to be recovered from defendant; (b) to act as curator ad-hoc for service for condemnations at fixed rate; and (c) perform adjudication of property services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor be authorized to execute any documents necessary in the employment of Mrs. Seitzinger to perform work as outlined above.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mrs. Leonard said the next resolution was to authorize the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Mary Levee District in regards to backwater flooding; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 25-59

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, is a municipal corporation of the State of Louisiana, ("CITY") represented herein by Lee Dragna, its duly authorized Mayor, and

WHEREAS, the ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT, ("SMLD"), is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, represented by its duly authorized President, William H. "Bill" Hidalgo; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 (C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that "For a public purpose the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;" and

WHEREAS, the project identified as the St. Mary Back Lakeside Flood Protection (TE-0168) project is being locally performed by the SMLD; and

WHEREAS, TE-0168 includes certain drainage upgrades and improvements withing the City of Morgan City following Hurricane Francine; and

WHEREAS, the SMLD is using funds supplied by the CPRA under an agreement with the SMPG and the SMPGDD for the purpose of installation of new pumps and motors and accessories, making repairs and alterations to pumps/motors under the control of the SMPGDD to improve interior drainage, which is a necessary component of FEMA accredited levee systems for flood protection, and for the greater good of the residents of Morgan City.

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to enter into an agreement for the purpose of facilitating necessary and improved electrical service to certain pumps and pump stations within the City of Morgan City to reduce the threat of harm to citizens and damage to property in St. Mary Parish by reducing the risk of flooding through a coordinated internal drainage and pumping system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Lee Dragna, Mayor, be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to enter into any agreements and sign any documents necessary in connection with the Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Hutchinson seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was authorizing the issuance of tax bonds, which she explained was the line of credit; whereupon,

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hymel and seconded by Pastor Bias:

RESOLUTION NO. R:25-60

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000) of Limited Tax Bonds of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), is now receiving revenues derived from the levy and collection of a special tax of 16.07 mills (such rate being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment) which the Issuer is authorized to impose and collect each year (the "Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to incur debt and issue not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000) of its Limited Tax Bonds (the "Bonds"), in the manner authorized and provided by Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, for the purpose of (i) paying any costs associated with the demolition, rehabilitation, repair, reconstruction, renovation, restoration and improvement of the Issuer's properties and facilities resulting from or related to Hurricane Francine, including purchasing any materials, furnishings, fixtures and equipment incidental or necessary in connection therewith, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the revenues of the Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to make formal application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Council, acting as governing authority of the Issuer, that:

SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of Bonds. Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000) of Limited Tax Bonds (the "Bonds") of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), pursuant to Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, for the purpose of (i) paying any costs associated with the demolition, rehabilitation, repair, reconstruction, renovation, restoration and improvement of the Issuer's properties and facilities resulting from or related to Hurricane Francine, including purchasing any materials, furnishings, fixtures and equipment incidental or necessary in connection therewith (the "Project"), and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds will be secured by and payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the funds to be derived by the Issuer from the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax of 16.07 mills (such rate being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment) which the Issuer is authorized to levy and collect in each year pursuant to Article VI, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 (the "Tax"). The Bonds will be issued at an interest rate not exceeding 6% per annum and shall mature not later than March 1, 2038. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be determined by this Governing Authority.

SECTION 2. State Bond Commission. Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the issuance and sale of the Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Bonds as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the State Bond Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Issuer.

By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 3. Employment. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and payment for the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated is hereby approved without further action of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 5. Appointment of Municipal Advisor. The Issuer hereby retains Government Consultants, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to act as its Municipal Advisor

("MA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that it is represented by the MA and will rely upon the advice of the MA with respect to the Bonds. The fee to be paid the MA shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Bonds when and if issued, and the amount thereof shall be subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed, in his discretion, to execute any contract the MA may request with respect to the engagement.

SECTION 6. Reimbursement. Prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the Issuer presently intends and reasonably expects that it may pay all or a portion of the costs of the Project from legally available funds in its General Fund or Capital Projects Fund. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer presently intends and reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditures for the Project from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds, provided that such reimbursement shall be in an amount not currently reasonably expected to exceed the maximum principal amount of the Bonds set forth in Section 1 hereof. Any such allocation of proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be with respect to capital expenditures (as defined in Reg. 1.150-1(b)) and will be made not later than 3 years after the later of (i) the date such expenditure was paid or (ii) the date on which the Project was placed in service or abandoned. This Section is intended to be a declaration of official intent within the meaning of Reg. 1.150-2, and certain terms used in this Section shall have the meaning given in such Regulation. For purposes of this Section, the Project includes various repairs and improvements necessitated by Hurricane Francine, including electrical substation and power line and pole repairs, sewer lift station repairs, streetlights and street signs, repair and replacement of city vehicles, canal banks, and improvements to cemeteries and Cypress Park. All of the expenditures covered by this Section were or will be made on and after the date which is 60 days prior to the effective date of this Resolution or as otherwise allowed by Reg. 1.150-2 which includes, among other things, an exception for "preliminary expenditures" as defined therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Hymel, Bias, Leonard, Hutchinson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Domangue

ABSTAINING: None

And the resolution was adopted on this, the 28th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Debbie Harrington

Clerk of the Council

/s/ Lee Dagna

Mayor

The next matter on the agenda was the health insurance renewal. Mrs. Leonard said that there would be no change to the policy for employees as well as the city; whereupon

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 25-61

WHEREAS, the City's health insurance policy will expire December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Health Insurance Committee, after reviewing the proposal from A. J.

Gallagher made the following recommendation as follows:

1. Continue to provide current benefits with no additional cost to the employees.

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 to execute the contract between the City and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana, as per the recommendations of the Health Insurance Committee.

Mr. Hutchinson seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mrs. Leonard said that a motion was needed to expand the agenda to discuss the Capital Outlay application that was due November 1. A motion to expand the agenda was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr, Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor; whereupon

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 25-62

WHEREAS, the Mayor submitted to the council, the following projects for re-submission to the State requesting Capital Outlay funding:

Sewer Rehabilitation	\$990,000
Water System Improvements	\$7,656,000
Morgan City Lake End Parkway Pier Development	\$13,110,000
Pavement Preservation Program	\$6,160,000
Morgan City Wellness Center	\$23,180,550

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that it hereby supports the Mayor’s request, to the state, for Capital Outlay Funds to complete these projects.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The first reading of the Drug Free Zone ordinance was the next matter on the agenda. This was a first reading, and no definitive action was necessary.

The first reading for the Firearm Free Zone ordinance was the next matter on the agenda. This was a first reading, and no definitive action was necessary.

The first reading for the 2025 Budget Amendment was next. This was a first reading, and no definitive action was necessary.

The public hearing for the 2026 Budget was the next matter on the agenda. Mrs. Leonard said that the Budget Meeting was scheduled for November 6, so the ordinance would be up for adoption at the November meeting.

The public hearing for the Grills and outdoor cooking was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on September 23, 2025. Published by title on September 26, 2025.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA TO ENACT SECTION 42-6 TO PROVIDE
FOR GRILLS AND OUTDOOR COOKING/HEATING APPLIANCES

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Article I, In General, Section 42-6, Grills and Outdoor Cooking/ Heating Appliances, be enacted by adding thereto, the following paragraph.

Chapter 42 – Fire Prevention and Protection
Article I – In General
Section 42-6. Grills and Outdoor Cooking/ Heating Appliances

Barbecue grills and other cooking appliances intended for outdoor use shall not be used indoors of any structure within the city limits, whether said appliance is using gas, propane, electricity, or combustibles (wood, charcoal, etc.)

Furthermore, in accordance with NFPA 1, Chapter 10.10.6.1, Cooking Equipment, for other than one and two family dwellings, outdoor cooking appliances, grills, or other similar devices intended for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall not be used, kindled, or stored in any of the following locations: (1) On any balcony; (2) Under any overhanging portion of a structure; (3) Within 10 feet of any structure.

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. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:
AYES: Bias, Hymel, Hutchinson, Leonard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Domangue

Certified approved and adopted this 28th day of October, 2025.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 9:00 am, this 5th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Approved this 5th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

Received from Mayor at 9:30 am on November 5, 2025.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Published: November 12, 2025

The public hearing for the Meter Deposits for Security Lights was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on September 23, 2025.
Published by title on September 26, 2025.

Mr. Hutchinson offered the following ordinance, who moved for its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-07

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, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 110-32 of the code of ordinances be amended and reenacted as follows:

Sec. 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, apartments, etc., who are delinquent, the deposit shall be an average of the highest three bills in a 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 12-month period.

The sum so deposited shall be held as security for the payment of bills for electric energy consumed. Each depositor, upon ceasing to be a consumer, shall have the right to

withdraw such deposit upon surrendering the receipt and the payment of all bills due to the municipal water, electric light and power plant for electric energy supplied.

(b) *Security lights.* For customers desiring security lighting, it shall be made available and shall be installed by the city's electric transmission and distribution department as follows:

- (1) An application shall be submitted to the utility office for review and approval by an authorized representative.
- (2) The cost of installation shall be paid by the applicant and will be calculated at cost of installation, to include all labor, materials and equipment.
- (3) The monthly charges for energy consumed and maintenance of lights shall be as follows:

0 – 50W LED, per month.....	\$3.00
50 – 100W LED, per month.....	\$5.00
100 – 200W LED, per month.....	\$7.00
200W LED or greater, per month.....	\$10.00

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.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 28th day of October, 2025.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 9:00 am, this 5th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 5th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 9:00 am, on November, 2025.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: November 2, 2025

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