

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
FEBRUARY 27, 2024

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 Pastor Bias.

There was no Positive Image recipient for the month of February.

Mr. Heath Landry with the Krewe of Dionysus requested permission to hold the annual Irish Italian Heritage parade on May 16, 2024, beginning at 1 PM. He said this would strictly be a golf cart and walking parade and the route would be the same as previous years. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Lee Price gave the Mayor and Council an update on the Christmas on the Lake – Cajun Style Bonfires event that had taken place in December (copy on file). Mr. Price asked permission to hold the second annual event on Monday December 23, 2024 and to expand the number of fires to around 10 or 12. He also asked for permission to allow local organizations to sell food and drinks, and requested use of the new pavilion for their bathrooms. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

Pastor Bias wanted to remind everyone that February was Black History Month and that we had many residents who had made great impact both locally and all over the world.

Chief Chad Adams asked for permission to close Myrtle Street due to Sheriff Blaise Smith's funeral at the Municipal Auditorium on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Mayor Dragna stated that he did not think there would be an issue since there was expected to be a tremendous crowd and keeping the street open could be a safety hazard.

In the matter of the Mayor's update, Mayor Dragna extended his condolences on the loss of Sheriff Smith and stated that his funeral service would take place at the Municipal Auditorium from 11 AM to 3 PM on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

The minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending January 31, 2024.

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**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**DATE:** February 27, 2024  
**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, 2024.

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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, 2024. The following comments are related thereto:

**General and Ancillary Funds:** Actual total revenues are beginning the year slightly under budget by \$45,084. Operating expenses are also under budget by \$182,518. The net loss of \$190,762 is a favorable variance of \$137,434 as compared to the adopted budget.

**Utility Fund:** Actual revenues in this fund are also beginning the year under budget by \$197,544. Electric revenues were under budget by \$214,788. The operational expenses are under budget but only by \$29,559. The net income, after transfers, of \$89,931 creates an unfavorable variance compared to the budget of \$170,780.

**Sanitation and Sewer Fund:** The operating revenues are \$6,088 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$31,645. The net income, after transfers, of \$68,508 leaves another favorable variance of \$29,193.

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

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT**  
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget  
Period Ended January 31, 2024

<b>GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS</b>	<b>JANUARY 2024 ACTUAL</b>	<b>JANUARY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
General Fund	772,376	802,585	(30,209)
Recreation Fund	1,701	1,508	193
Library Fund	1,006	1,250	(244)
Auditorium Fund	6,601	6,017	584
Lake End Park Fund	81,826	97,233	(15,407)
Cemetery Fund	13,069	13,517	(448)
State Prisoner Fund	7,681	18,183	(10,502)
Total Revenues	863,510	908,594	(45,084)
<b>EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL</b>			
General Fund	859,825	986,193	(126,368)
Recreation Fund	25,412	35,017	(9,605)
Library Fund	7,722	13,205	(5,483)
Auditorium Fund	34,903	42,980	(8,077)
Lake End Park Fund	64,393	90,608	(26,215)
Cemetery Fund	12,075	14,084	(2,009)
State Prisoner Fund	49,942	54,703	(4,761)
Total Expenses	1,054,272	1,236,790	(182,518)
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfers from Funds	0	0	0
Transfers to Funds	0	0	0
Net Transfers	0	0	0
<b>EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS</b>	(190,762)	(328,196)	137,434
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>			
Total Revenues	1,744,732	1,942,276	(197,544)
Total Expenditures	1,661,174	1,690,733	(29,559)
Net Excess	83,559	251,544	(167,985)
Net Transfers and non-oper.	6,372	9,167	(2,795)
Excess net of transfers	89,931	260,710	(170,780)
<b>SANITATION AND SEWER FUND</b>			
Total Revenues	286,739	292,827	(6,088)
Total Expenses	321,534	353,179	(31,645)

Net Excess	(34,795)	(60,352)	25,557
Net Transfers/non- operating expenses	103,303	99,667	3,636
Excess net of transfers and non- operating	68,508	39,315	29,193

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

The next matter on the agenda was the CEA with South Louisiana Community College for the Youth Center; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-05

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 SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ("COLLEGE") a public entity represented herein by Dr. Vincent June, its duly authorized Chancellor; and

WHEREAS, the CITY and the COLLEGE wish to provide a safe and wholesome environment for students ages 11-17 residing in St. Mary Parish to spend time after school through the mutual efforts of the CITY and the COLLEGE, and

WHEREAS, the CITY and the COLLEGE have agreed that the CITY will provide the services and that the COLLEGE will provide physical location for the activities of the MORGAN CITY YOUTH CENTER, and

WHEREAS, the CITY AND the COLLEGE are required to enter into an cooperative endeavor agreement to accomplish this.

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 for the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Morgan City and the South Louisiana Community College for the Morgan City Youth Center.

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
 Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
 Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mr. Charlie Solar said they had been introduced to The Coastal Trust, Inc. by St. Mary Excel. He felt that they would be a good asset in cleaning up our code of ordinances. They had quite a bit of experience in that area. Pastor Bias wanted them to start with the blighted property ordinances, and Mayor Dragna suggested a \$5,000 cap on the agreement; whereupon,

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-06**

WHEREAS, The City of Morgan City will be undertaking a Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure Project, and

WHEREAS, the firm of The Coastal Trust, Inc. meets the City's needs in its qualifications,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that it engage The Coastal Trust, Inc. to perform the necessary services to implement this project, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute any and all documents in connection with this project.

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the amending of Section 110-68, City's right to turn off gas. Mayor Dragna said that this would allow the City to disconnect connections that were not permitted by the City. This was a first reading. No definitive action was necessary.

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

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on January 23, 2024. Published by title on January 26, 2024.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-03**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 5 SINGLE-MEMBER CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE YEAR 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS.**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:1371 specifies municipalities are required to examine and if necessary redraw the boundaries of voting district every ten (10) years in accordance with the decennial census; and,

WHEREAS, the Census was taken in 2020, and the population data was released by the Census Bureau in August of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, has examined, reviewed, and considered various alternative alignments based upon the findings of the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, has selected the map alignment entitled **Alternative 1**; now,

**THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, HEREBY ORDAINS** that in accordance with applicable law, that the **Code of Ordinances, Morgan City, Louisiana, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered Chapter 127 – Elections, which said section reads as follows:**

### **SECTION 1: Establishment of Districts**

District 1 of the City Council of Morgan City is described to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Federal Avenue and Onstead Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Onstead Street to its intersection with the centerline of Front Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Front Street to its intersection with the centerline of Belanger Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Belanger Street and a straight line extension of Belanger Street to its intersection with the western municipal boundaries of the city of Morgan City; thence northerly, northeasterly, easterly and southeasterly along the municipal boundaries of the city of Morgan City to its intersection with centerline extension of the Joe C Russo Memorial Boat Ramp; thence southerly along the centerline of the Joe C Russo Memorial Boat Ramp to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 70; thence westerly and southerly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 70 to its intersection with the centerline of Fig Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Fig Street to its intersection with the centerline of Veterans Boulevard; thence southerly along the centerline of Veterans Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Hickory Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Hickory Street to its intersection with the centerline of Maple Street; thence southeasterly along the centerline of Maple Street to its intersection with the centerline of Poplar Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Poplar Street to its intersection with the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street; thence southeasterly along the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of Franklin Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Franklin Street to its intersection with the centerline of Federal Avenue; thence southeasterly along the centerline of Federal Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Onstead Street, the point of beginning.

District 2 of the City Council of Morgan City is described to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Federal Avenue and Onstead Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Federal Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Belanger Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Belanger Street to its intersection with the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street; thence southerly along the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of Bowman Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Bowman Street to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Federal Avenue; thence southeasterly along the centerline of the northbound lane of Federal Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Terrebonne Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Terrebonne Street to its intersection with the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street; thence southerly along the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with centerline of Marguerite Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Marguerite Street to its intersection with the centerline of 8<sup>th</sup> Street; thence southerly along the centerline of 8<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of Willard Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Willard Street to its intersection with the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Street; thence southerly along the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 182; thence southeasterly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 182 to its intersection with the centerline of Duke Street; thence

southwesterly along the centerline of Duke Street to its intersection with the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Street; thence northerly along the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection of the centerline of the westbound lane of United States Highway 90; thence westerly along the centerline of the westbound lane of United States Highway 90 to its intersection with the centerline of 4<sup>th</sup> Street; thence southerly along the centerline of 4<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Tracks; thence westerly along the centerline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Tracks to its intersection with the western municipal boundaries of the city of Morgan City; thence northwesterly along the western municipal boundaries of the city of Morgan City to its intersection with the centerline of the straight line extension of Belanger Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of the straight line extension of Belanger Street and the centerline of Belanger Street to its intersection with the centerline of Front Street; thence northwesterly along the centerline of Front Street to its intersection with the centerline of Onstead Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Onstead Street to its intersection with the centerline of Federal Avenue, the point of beginning.

District 3 of the City Council of Morgan City is described to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Spruce Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Spruce Street to its intersection with the centerline of Elm Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Elm Street to its intersection with the centerline of Pine Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Pine Street to its intersection with the centerline of Lakewood Drive; thence southerly along the centerline of Lakewood Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Marguerite Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Marguerite Street to its intersection with the centerline of Canal A; thence northerly along the centerline of Canal A to its intersection with the centerline of an unnamed drainage canal north of Brownell Homes in section 36; thence easterly and southeasterly along the centerline of the unnamed drainage canal north of Brownell Homes in section 36 to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 70; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 70 to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Veterans Boulevard; thence southerly along the centerline of northbound lane of Veterans Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Brashear Avenue; thence westerly along the centerline of Brashear Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of David Drive; thence southerly along the centerline of David Drive to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of United Louisiana Highway 90; thence easterly along the centerline of the westbound lane of United Louisiana Highway 90 to its intersection with the centerline of an unnamed borrow canal northeast of Victor II Boulevard; thence southerly along the centerline of the unnamed borrow canal to its intersection with the centerline of an unnamed drainage feature west of and parallel to Redwood Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of the Redwood Street drainage feature to its intersection with the centerline of Victor II Boulevard; thence easterly along the centerline of Victor II Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Redwood Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Redwood Street to its intersection with the centerline of Bernice Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Bernice Street to its intersection with the centerline of Cottonwood Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Cottonwood Street to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 182; thence easterly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 182 to its intersection with the centerline of Myrtle Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Myrtle Street to its intersection with the centerline of Youngs Road; thence easterly and northerly and easterly and southerly along the centerline of Youngs Road to its intersection with the southern municipal boundaries of the city of Morgan City; thence westerly and northerly along the municipal boundaries of the city of Morgan City to its intersection with the centerline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks; thence easterly along the centerline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks to its intersection with the centerline of 4<sup>th</sup> Street; thence northerly along the centerline of 4<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of US Highway 90; thence easterly along the centerline of the westbound lane of US Highway 90 to its intersection with the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Street; thence southerly along the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of Duke Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Duke Street to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 182; thence northwesterly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 182 to its intersections with the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Street; thence northerly along the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersections with the centerline of Willard Street; thence westerly along the

centerline of Willard Street to its intersection with the centerline of 8<sup>th</sup> Street; thence northerly along the centerline of 8<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of Marguerite Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Marguerite Street to its intersection with the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street; thence northerly along the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of Terrebonne Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Terrebonne Street to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Federal Avenue; thence northerly along the centerline of the northbound lane of Federal Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Bowman Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Bowman Street to its intersection with the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street; thence northerly along the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of Spruce Street, the point of beginning.

District 4 of the City Council of Morgan City are described to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Justa Street and Louisiana Highway 182; thence westerly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 182 to its intersection with the centerline of Cottonwood Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Cottonwood Street to its intersection with centerline of Bernice Street; thence northwesterly along the centerline of Bernice Street to its intersection with the centerline of Redwood Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Redwood Street to its intersection with the centerline of Victor II Boulevard; thence northwesterly along the centerline of Victor II Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of an unnamed drainage feature west of Redwood Street; thence northerly along the centerline of the Redwood Street drainage feature to its intersection with the centerline of an unnamed borrow canal; thence northwesterly along the centerline of the unnamed borrow canal to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of United States Highway 90; thence easterly along the centerline of the westbound lane of United States Highway 90 to its intersection with the centerline of David Drive; thence northerly along the centerline of David Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Brashear Avenue; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Brashear Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Veterans Boulevard; thence northwesterly along the centerline of the northbound lane of Veterans Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 70; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 70 to its intersection with the centerline of an unnamed drainage canal north of Brownell Homes in section 36; thence northwesterly and westerly along the centerline of an unnamed drainage canal north of Brownell Homes in section 36 to its intersection with the centerline of Canal A; thence southerly along the centerline of Canal A to its intersection with the centerline of Marguerite Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Marguerite Street to its intersection with the centerline of Lakewood Drive; thence northerly along the centerline of Lakewood Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Pine Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Pine Street to its intersection with the centerline of Elm Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Elm Street to its intersection with the centerline of Spruce Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Spruce Street to its intersection with the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street; thence northerly along the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of Belanger Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Belanger Street to its intersection with the centerline of Federal Avenue; thence northerly along the centerline of Federal Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Franklin Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Franklin Street to its intersection with the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street; thence northerly along the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with the centerline of Poplar Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Poplar Street to its intersection with the centerline of Maple Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Maple Street to its intersection with the centerline of Hickory Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Hickory Street to its intersection with the centerline of Veterans Boulevard; thence northerly along the centerline of Veterans Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Fig Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Fig Street to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 70; thence northerly and easterly along Louisiana Highway 70 to its intersection with the centerline of the Joe C Russo Memorial Boat Ramp; thence northerly along the centerline of the Joe C Russo Memorial Boat Ramp to and its straight centerline extension to its intersection with the northern municipal boundaries of Morgan City; thence northeasterly and southeasterly and southwesterly and southerly and easterly along the municipal boundaries of the city of Morgan City to its intersection with the straight line

extension of Justa Street; thence southerly along the centerline of the straight line extension of Justa Street and Justa Street to its intersection with the centerline of Lizabeth Drive; thence easterly along the centerline of Lizabeth Drive to its intersection with the centerline of McDermott Drive; thence southerly along the centerline of McDermott Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Roderick Street; thence southeasterly and southerly along the centerline of Roderick Street to its intersection with the centerline of Allison Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Allison Street to its intersection with the centerline of Justa Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Justa Street to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 182, the point of beginning.

District 5 of the City Council of Morgan City is described to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of the municipal boundaries of the city of Morgan city and Youngs Road; thence northerly and westerly and southerly and westerly along the centerline of Youngs Road to its intersection with the centerline of Myrtle Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Myrtle Street to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 182; thence easterly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 182 to its intersection with the centerline of Justa Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Justa Street to its intersection with the centerline of the Allison Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Allison Street to its intersection with the centerline of Roderick Street; thence northerly and northwesterly along the centerline of Roderick Street to its intersection with the centerline of McDermott Drive; thence northerly along the centerline of McDermott Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Lizabeth Drive; thence westerly along the centerline of Lizabeth Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Justa Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Justa Street and a straight line extension to its intersection with the municipal boundaries of the city of Morgan City; thence northeasterly and southeasterly and southerly and southeasterly and westerly along the municipal boundaries of the city of Morgan City to its intersection with the centerline of the Youngs Road, the point of beginning.

**SECTION 2:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

**SECTION 3:** Should any section, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 4:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith or incompatible with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5:** This ordinance, having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted by sections at a public meeting of said City Council, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

YEAS: Domangue, Stephens, Bias, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 11:00 AM this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk



Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 11:30 AM, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: March 6, 2024

The public hearing for the Amending of Section 126-47 was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with first reading on January 23, 2024. Published by title on January 31, 2024.

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

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-04**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA TO AMEND SECTION 126-47, SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS, BY CLARIFYING, "B-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS)" DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR USES PERMITTED AND USES PROHIBITED.

**SECTION 1**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council, the governing authority of the municipal corporation of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 126-47, be amended by adding thereto "B-2" General Business, addition to read as follows:

Sec. 126-47- Schedule of District Regulations

Within the R-1A, R-1B, R-1C, R-2, R-3. R-4, R-5, R-6, B, C, H, and P Districts established by this chapter, the following regulations shall apply.

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B-2 General Business

Uses Permitted

Any uses permitted in an R-4 district, drugstores, grocery or food stores, theaters, auditorium, offices, restaurants, bars and lounges, confectioneries, private club, launderette, banks, hardware stores, furniture stores, bookstores, jewelry and specialty shops, clothing stores, barbershops, beauty shops, music studios, music stores, municipal offices, recreation, library and jail uses, expansion of the C commercial district uses by not more than 20% of the total land mass of the property.

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

Certified approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 11:00 am this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

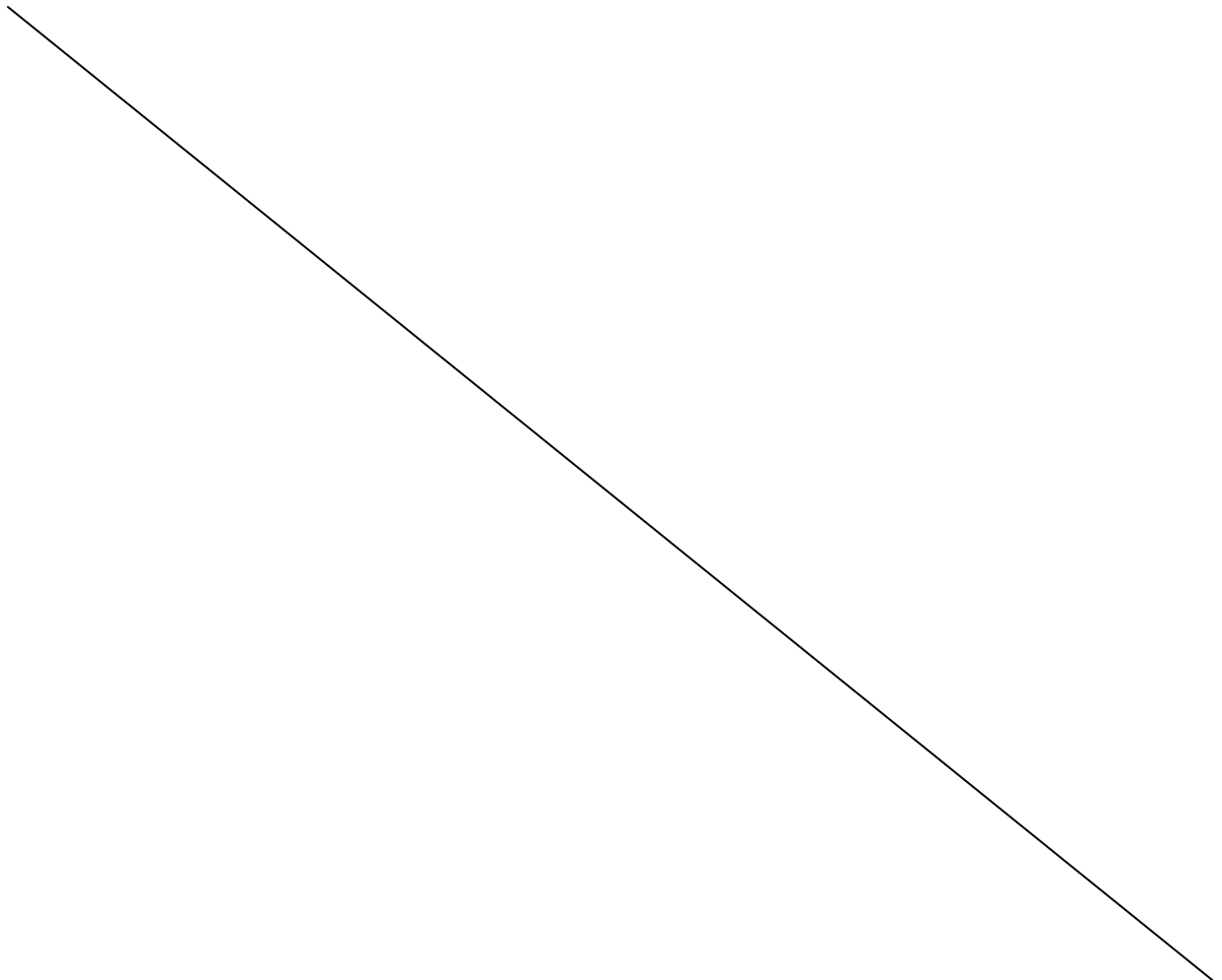
Received from Mayor Dragna at 11:30 am on February 28, 2024.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: March 6, 2024

The Class "A" Liquor and Beer application for The Crooked Corner was the next matter on the agenda. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Dragna stated that they wanted to close the agenda with a Resolution of Respect for Sheriff Blaise Smith; whereupon,



Messrs. Domangue, Hymel, Stephens, and Tamporello offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 24-07  
**IN MEMORIAM**  
**SHERIFF BLAISE W. SMITH**

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom has taken Sheriff Blaise W. Smith from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Blaise was a proud veteran of the US Army and served in combat during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Blaise dedicated over 50 years working with various Law Enforcement agencies, culminating in his serving the citizens of St. Mary Parish as Sheriff since 2018 until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Blaise exemplified the meaning of dedication, integrity, faithfulness, compassion and honesty and was also a man with a strong faith in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Blaise was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason and a member of the Franklin Masonic F & AM Lodge 57 as well as the Breaux Bridge Lodge 746; and

WHEREAS, one of the favorite hats Blaise wore was that of one of Santa's helpers, riding in Christmas parades and sitting for pictures with families at various Christmas events; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 22 years, Karen McGoff Smith, three children, Brent W. Smith, Bridget Smith Buck and Keely Jean Smith, three bonus children, Tava Deslatte Robichaux, Tandra Deslatte Hebert and Larry "Teddy" Deslatte, III; 19 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Morgan City wish to acknowledge publicly their sorrow and sympathy to the family of Sheriff Smith; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Morgan City hopes that his family will find comfort in the thought that their grief and sorrow are shared by their friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Morgan City through the unanimous adoption of this resolution that the solemnly deliberate with sincere condolences, sympathy, and understanding during this time of grief.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this resolution be inscribed on a separate page of the official proceedings of this meeting; that a copy of this resolution be sent to his bereaved family; and that this meeting adjourn out of respect for the late Sheriff Blaise W Smith.

Messrs. Domangue, Hymel, Stephens, and Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

/s/ Lee Dagna  
Lee Dagna  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk  
Adv. March 6, 2024

/s Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna  
Mayor