

Work Session  
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MINUTES OF WORK SESSION MEETING HELD BY MORGAN CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR  
SCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC SESSION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE  
COUNCIL ROOM OF THE CITY OFFICE LOCATED AT 90 WEST YOUNG STREET

Present: Mayor, Ray W. Little.

Council Members: Tony London, Jeff Wardell, Mike Kendell, Fran Hopkin and  
Bill Cobabe.

City Staff: Gary Crane, Attorney; and Jamie Grandpre, Senior Wastewater Operator.

Others present: none

This meeting was called to order by Mayor, Ray W. Little.

**Items for Discussion**

**Resolution #16-08**

**Municipal Wastewater Planning Program**

This resolution is required every year by the Division of Water Quality. Jamie Grandpre, Senior Wastewater Operator is here to review this with the members. The members have a copy of the resolution and the plan in their packets. Jamie stated this covers two areas - the sewer system and the treatment side. This is a plan that scores the system and shows the deficiencies of the operation.

Jamie reviewed the different areas of the plan. He stated the collection system did not have a lot of problems. The lagoons had the problem with being septic and all of the work that is being done to help alleviate this problem. There was discussion on the new regulations that are being proposed by the State. Jamie stated due to the lagoon problems, there are some low scores in the discharge areas of the plan. The State is aware of these problems, but Jamie added a narrative to the report regarding this matter.

Mike asked about the projected budgets and what projects or items were in these amounts. Jamie stated he took the items from the capital improvement plan and added them to the various budget years as he felt they should be done and/or completed. Mike asked what the consequences are if the points are at the maximum throughout the plan. Jamie stated as far as he knows it is only used for funding purposes; there are no penalties to the City.

Mayor Little asked about the new SSMP (sanitary sewer management plan) that is required by the State. Jamie stated as he is working through the SSMP, he is trying to integrate this with the plans for the sewer and the upgrades needed. Tony asked about the certifications – what can a level 3 or 4 operator do that a level 2 cannot. Jamie stated you have to have a 3 or 4 certification to operate a mechanical plant. Bill asked if the City only needs one certified at this level. Jamie stated it would be best to have more than one certified. Jamie stated both he and Chris Hansen are certified for the collection side of the sewer department – only Jamie is certified in treatment.

**Resolution #16-09**  
**Sanitary Sewer Adequacy**

There has been a lot of discussion the past several months regarding the sewer lagoon issues and how many ERU's (equivalent residential units) are still available in the system. Jamie has been working on determining this along with determining how many ERU's have already been approved, but are not yet connected to the system. He is here to review this information along with the Resolution that has been prepared by Attorney Crane.

Fran reviewed this matter and stated the resolution was drafted and Jamie provided Exhibit "A" that outlines the ERU's that are in place, or in progress. Comments from the Public Works Director were discussed about certain items – such as commercial developments that may be proposed that have minimal use of water. The resolution provides for this type of item and stated Jamie and/or the City Engineer can determine the effect these would have and approve or deny them as needed.

Jamie stated there are some items that need to be discussed in regards to Exhibit "A". The UDOT building is in progress, along with the Rynell Business Park. There are also 2 lots the Clark's have been given tentative approval to develop in conjunction with the UDOT development. Mayor Little asked Jamie to review the document and explain the ERU's listed. This list outlines 490 ERU's that are "in progress, or that have been approved". Jamie stated the total ERU's is used is estimated at 1,432. The system will hit the 80% maximum level set by the State at 1,500. The system has a total of 1,875 ERU's at total build out. That means there are approximately 443 ERU's to total build out. Jamie stated the State wants to see a plan being worked on when you reach 80% capacity that shows the steps you are taking to improve the system.

Jeff stated the majority of these ERU's are in the North Morgan SID development. This will not totally develop in the next few years. Should there be some latitude to allow a few other homes/commercial developments due to this. Attorney Crane reviewed the resolution and what it allows. He stated there needs to be a plan in place and a determination on the impact of proposed development. Tony stated this resolution and the attached exhibit is useful – the Planning Commission is always looking to the Council for guidance.

Bill asked how binding a resolution is on the City and/or staff. Attorney Crane stated there are two ways the Council can implement regulations or rules, they are by resolution or ordinance. A resolution is less formal and is easily changed, an ordinance can be amended but the process is a little different. Bill stated he has some concerns about #2 on the resolution – what if the engineer and Jamie disagree with a decision. Bill stated he has concerns with one business being allowed due to low impact on the system - and another business wants to develop and is denied. He feels there should be some type of standard. Attorney Crane stated if they were going to define a standard, it would be less than one ERU. Jamie stated there is concern about turning down commercial development. You do not want to deny them unless it is absolutely necessary. Bill asked about a 2 lot subdivision – would this be allowed. The members discussed what a normal home and/or business needs as far as ERU's are defined.

Attorney Crane stated if they are existing lots, they are allowed. It would be new residential subdivisions. If a lot exists now – they are considered a buildable lot. These are defined in the list Jamie has provided. Mayor Little stated Jamie and Mark Schmid; Public Works Director did

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some calculations today. If a development applies and is similar to the Tractor Supply, Family Dollar and NAPA store, these would not have significant impact – they generally have less than one ERU. If it is a car wash is proposed it would be a significant impact. Attorney Crane has tried to word the resolution to handle this type of development.

There was further discussion about the work being done at the lagoons and how it will benefit the system. Jamie reviewed the difference between the collection and discharge systems. If a business wanted to develop and was willing to provide certain improvements to the system, it would depend on the impact they would make and what part of the system the improvements would benefit.

**Council Department Review**

This item was not discussed.

**Financial Statement Review**

This item was not discussed.

**Attorney Crane**  
**Council Training**

This training will be provided in the council meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
Julie A. Bloxham, Recorder

These minutes were approved at the 03-08-16 meeting.