

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

OCTOBER 13, 2025

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge, John Adair and Tony Morrison. Councilman Sherman was absent. There being a quorum present, Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Morrison and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were twenty-seven (27) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Nancy Shaner reported a concern of juveniles violating her personal mailbox and a concern of dead trees in the city.
- John McKenney inquired about additional bids for police services.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to dispense with the reading of the September council minutes and approve them as submitted. Approval for the motion was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The City Secretary presented the monthly financial report with the following bank balances as of September 30, 2025 which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$358,245.75	\$229,649.57	\$587,895.32
UTILITY FUND	\$ 7,509.23	\$ 86,457.25	\$ 93,966.48
TOTAL:	\$365,754.98	\$316,106.82	\$681,861.80

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve payment of the current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$29,348.93. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- The mayor reported that the city will have a new water plant operator as of October 14, 2025.
- Quotes for repair of the clarifier at the water plant are being sought.
- Investigation is underway to determine the reason for the water plant settling pond filling up so quickly with sediment.
- A group is being established to identify strategies to coordinate drainage and street improvements.

WATER PLANT OPERATION:

The City Council found that an emergency and urgent public necessity existed under Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.045, requiring immediate Council action to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the residents of Star Harbor. The basis for this finding was that the City's licensed water treatment operator had provided short notice of termination, leaving only a few days before the effective date of departure, and that the City's current agreement for operator services will expire on October 14, 2025. The Council determined that a licensed operator must be engaged immediately to maintain compliance with state law and ensure the continued safe operation of the City's water system. An addendum to the posted agenda was filed and posted at least one hour prior to the meeting in accordance with Sec. 551.045(b), stating the nature of the emergency and the item to be considered. Following discussion, Councilman Morrison made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hedge, to approve Resolution No. 03-2025, declaring an emergency under Texas Local Government Code, Sec. 252.022(a)(2) and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement for water treatment services, with later ratification by the Council.

WATER PLANT SETTLING POND CLEAN-OUT:

Additional bids are being sought for this project and will be presented at a later meeting for consideration.

POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Police Chief, Sam Commينو, presented details of renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Star Harbor and the City of Log Cabin. After discussion and review of additional bids, Councilman Adair made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hedge, to approve the agreement for police services as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

B&Z REVIEW BOARD REFERRAL:

The B&Z Review Board has denied a fence permit application from the property owner at #90 Starview Drive due to its non-compliance with the B&Z ordinance. The property owner wishes to appeal to the city council for review of his request. After lengthy discussion and presentation of the details by Whitney Paschal, B&Z Review Board Administrator, and the property owner it was apparent that the current B&Z Ordinance does not allow for the property owner's request. A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Hedge, to deny the request. The vote was unanimous in approval.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Commينو reported eighty-four (84) total calls for service in September with five (5) warnings issued, one (1) suspicious person, one (1) suspicious vehicle, one (1) welfare concern, one (1) traffic control, one (1) follow-up investigation,

three (3) special assignments, one (1) animal complaint, one (1) noise complaint, and one (1) alarm call.

BUILDING & ZONING REVIEW BOARD– Whitney Paschal reported that there are currently twelve (12) active permits.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee member, Kathy Martin, reported on several golf related projects that are underway.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Mark Smith asked the city to make plans for handling large crowds in the city for the upcoming Halloween holiday. It is suggested that a route for crowd control be presented to the city to increase safety and control.
- Steve Cadigan commented on the recent Revenue Survey.
- Nancy Shaner expressed concern over an above ground swimming pool in the city.
- Sheila and Steve Dunagan also commented on the Revenue Survey.
- Tony Morrison reported that fundraising efforts are continuing for the pickleball project.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **REVENUE** – Councilman Adair reported that the recent survey results were being compiled and would be presented soon
2. **BOAT RAMP** - Councilman Hedge – no report
3. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin - no report
4. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison – no report
5. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman – no report

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,


ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary

