

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

JUNE 8, 2026

6:00pm

CITY HALL

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Resident Anne Franklin presented information regarding Agenda Item #11 requesting a fence variance from the city council.
- Resident Mark Roman presented additional information and comments pertaining to Agenda Item #11.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to dispense with the reading of the May 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 May 31, 2026, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$476,244.55	\$234,159.20	\$710,403.75
UTILITY FUND	\$ 29,057.50	\$ 89,140.75	\$118,198.25
TOTAL:	\$505,302.05	\$323,299.95	\$828,602.00

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve payment of the current Account Payables in the amount of \$15,976.32. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Mayor Hedge reported that concrete pads had been poured for lift station generators.
- TVEC continues their work on Sunset Blvd. replacing electric poles.
- The golf irrigation line into the lake is being moved out further to prepare for potential drought conditions.
- The city is making preparations to celebrate Flag Day on June 14th and Independence Day on July 4th by installing flags through the city.

HENDERSON COUNTY TAX OFFICE COLLECTIONS CONTRACT:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve the annual contract with the Henderson County Tax Office as the city's tax collection agent. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The council dismissed into Executive Session at 6:18pm for deliberations about real property. The council reconvened into Open Session at 7:45pm.

PICKLEBALL PROJECT PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP INFO.:

Russell Nelson, on behalf of the Pickleball Project Group, presented revised membership information and guidelines for review by the City Council. To give the council adequate time to review the proposed guidelines and information a motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to table this item to a future meeting for action. The vote was unanimous for approval.

WATER WELL PERMIT REQUEST:

Councilman Pyke reported that the homeowner at #125 Sunset Blvd. intends to make changes to his previously submitted water well permit application, therefore, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to postpone any action on this recommendation from the B&Z Review Board until the updated application is submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

FENCE PERMIT DENIAL APPEAL:

Information was presented to the city council from the B&Z Review Board regarding the denial of a privacy fence permit request from #3 Shady Circle. The reason for denial by the B&Z Review Board was the placement of the fence extending in front of the residence and that privacy fencing is not a permitted material. Neither of these requests are provided for in the current B&Z Ordinance. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to deny the appeal for an ordinance variance. Approval for the motion was unanimous.

CITY PROPERTY APPRAISAL/PURCHASE:

After review of the property appraisal report of Block 10, Lot 27, as submitted by Certified Real Estate Appraiser Dan Wright, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to allow the mayor to offer the interested party this section of city property at a cost of \$7965 plus any closing costs to be incurred during the purchase. In addition, the city will retain a city easement between the properties. The motion was unanimously approved.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Lt. Amy Meyers reported fifty-four (54) total calls for service in May with six (6) warnings issued, one (1) suspicious person, one (1) traffic control, four (4) animal complaints, one (1) noise complaint, one (1) alarm call and one (1) juvenile complaint.

BUILDING & ZONING –Adabeth Shumate reported fifteen (15) current active permits with the following permits being issued since the last council meeting: Fence permits issued at #217 Shoreline Drive, #59 Shoreline Drive and #77 Starview Drive, a driveway extension permit issued at #77 Starview Drive and a porch cover addition permit issued at #81 Starview Drive.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman, Gary Robertson, reported that weed spraying and greens treatment will be done on June 9th and that the Sunday evening scrambles continue and everyone is welcome to come join in. He also reported the success of the option of paying green fees through a QR code.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Rhonda Nelson commented that the Ladies Golf Association has donated \$500 to the Golf Committee. She reminded attendees that the city’s Golf Cart Parade will begin at 8pm on July 3rd and that Tuesday evenings are Mahjong night from 6-8pm at City Hall. Everyone is welcome to come to learn the game.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **REVENUE** – Councilman Adair – no report
2. **BOAT RAMP** – Mayor Hedge reported that the city’s boat ramp was recently closed due to low lake levels. After recent rains it is again open but he urges caution and informed attendees that a new sign and ladder have been installed at the ramp.
3. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin – no report
4. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison – no report
5. **PICKLEBALL** – Councilman Morrison reported that fencing is being installed around the newly constructed pickleball courts and the facility hopes to be open for play at the end of June.
6. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman - no report
7. **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** – Ginny Hedge urged attendees to watch for a list of July 4th activities planned in the city for the upcoming holiday.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary