

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

6:25pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Tom Sherman, Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge, John Adair and Tony Morrison. Upon conclusion of the Public Budget Hearing and there being a quorum present, Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:25pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Adair and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were thirty-five (35) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

ESD #1 PRESENTATION:

Trinidad Fire Chief/ESD #1 Chair, Jarrod Mills, addressed the council requesting the governing body to consider donating approximately one acre of city land upon which to build a fire station. He also mentioned plans to install six (6) dry hydrants and two (2) tornado sirens in the city.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Adair, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to dispense with the reading of the August 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 August 31, 2025 which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$394,690.11	\$227,554.00	\$622,244.11
UTILITY FUND	\$ 25,516.28	\$ 86,457.25	\$111,973.53
TOTAL:	\$420,206.39	\$314,011.25	\$734,217.64

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve payment of the current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$38,032.97. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Funds from the city's Municipal Bond Project will arrive in the bank on 9/10/25. These monies will be invested in TEXPOOL until utilized.
- Plans are underway for engineers to study four strategic areas in the city which have drainage issues.

- Work on plans will begin soon for the street paving project.

2025/2026 BUDGET:

Councilman Hedge made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve the budget as presented. After discussion and review of presented details, the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

INVESTMENT POLICY:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve the city's updated investment policy as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Commino reported eighty-five (85) total calls for service in August with one (1) citation issued, three (3) warnings issued, one (1) traffic control, one (1) follow-up investigation, three (3) special assignments, one (1) animal call, one (1) noise complaint, and one (1) alarm call.

BUILDING & ZONING REVIEW BOARD– Whitney Paschal reported that there are currently eighteen (18) active permits.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman, Gary Robertson, reported that “Golf Now”, an online internet service, is interest in providing additional exposure to the city's course. He reminded golfers that a QR code is now available for payment of green fees.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

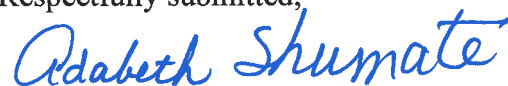
- None

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **REVENUE** – Councilman Adair and committee member, Russ Benhardt, presented the committee's proposal for future revenue generating ideas and will be preparing a survey to be sent to property owners asking for their input.
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 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,



ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary