

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

**APRIL 14, 2025**

**6:00pm**

**CITY HALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Tom Sherman, Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge, John Adair and Tony Morrison. There being a quorum present, Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Adair and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were twenty-three (23) in attendance at the meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

- None

**MINUTES:**

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

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$620,079.08	\$283,037.55	\$903,116.63
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>	\$ 78,275.80	\$117,236.75	\$195,512.55
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$698,354.88	\$400,274.30	\$1,098,629.18

A motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve payment of the current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$35,541.66. The motion was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

- At a hearing this morning approval was given to the city for its request for Eminent Domain on Jupiter Road. Work will soon begin on this drainage project.
- Details/delivery of new trash carts are expected soon.
- Street repaving finance options are being discussed. Be looking for an emailed survey from the mayor soon regarding this topic.
- The Golf Committee is considering the financing and construction of a practice/instructional facility near the 9<sup>th</sup> tee.
- The new golf year began April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Thanks to all who participated and have donated to recent beautification efforts.

**TCOLE POLICE DEPT. POLICIES:**

Chief Commينو presented the police department's personnel and misconduct policies as required by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement which govern the licensing of police officers. A motion was made by Councilman Adair, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve these policies. The motion was approved unanimously.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS:**

Information on account balances and interest rates was presented. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve the transfer of a certificate of deposit and a savings account from Prosperity Bank to First State Bank. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPT.** – Chief Sam Commينو reported 75 total calls for service in March with one (1) citation issued, five (5) warnings issued, one (1) suspicious person, one (1) suspicious vehicle, two (2) welfare concerns, two (2) traffic controls, two (2) follow-up investigations, three (3) special assignments, one (1) alarm call and one (1) burglary call. A fourth officer has been added to the police department and there has been increased patrol for speeding violations.

**BUILDING & ZONING** – City Administrator, Adabeth Shumate, reported that there are currently twenty (20) active permits with four (4) new permits issued in March.

**GOLF COMMITTEE** – Darlene Hampton, Ladies Golf Association President, presented a donation of \$2000 to the Golf Committee to assist with the golf course bridge project. Committee Chairman, Gary Robertson, reported that plans are underway for a Memorial Day Tournament and monthly Friday evening scrambles. Tee box #1 is being relocated and sod is being replaced in several areas on the course.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- Sue Calvin thanked the city for recent work on potholes on Huckleberry Lane and prompt repair of a water line break in her neighborhood.
- Ginny Hedge reported that the Social Group Committee now has a balance in their account of \$800. The next activity is the Medicinal Natives of Texas Herbal Class scheduled for April 19th. Work has begun on a newcomer's bag for new residents moving into the city.

**PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:**

1. **BOAT RAMP** - Councilman Hedge reported that plans have been finalized for the privatization of the city's boat ramp area. Details will be sent to property owners. Repairs will be done on the boat ramp when lake levels are low again. Repaving of the ramp is being considered.

2. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin - no additional report
3. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison stated that city streets need to be regularly patched until financing options details are complete.
4. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman stated that work on drainage will have to be done prior to any major repaving efforts.

The council entered into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 6:45pm for the purpose of discussion as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.001(1), 551.071 and 551.072.

The council reconvened into Open Session at 7:10pm. A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Martin, to approve a payment of \$13,000 to Lawrence Watts for an easement to be installed on property acquired by the city through the eminent domain process on Jupiter Road. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ADABETH ROUTH-SHUMATE**  
City Secretary

