

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

**MAY 12, 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 Sherman and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were twenty-two (22) in attendance at the meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

- None

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:**

Al Kepler and Kathleen Mackey with the Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation were introduced and presented information regarding the Foundation's fundraising efforts to assist disabled Veterans and military personnel struggling with physical and emotional recovery. Their focus is to serve individuals residing in and organizations serving the East Texas region. The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Thunder Over Cedar Creek Lake Airshow is scheduled for the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Log onto [ccveteransfoundation.org](http://ccveteransfoundation.org) for opportunities to donate to this worthy cause.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to dispense with the reading of the April 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 April 30, 2025, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u><b>CHECKING</b></u>	<u><b>CD'S</b></u>	<u><b>TOTAL</b></u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$607,512.42	\$283,179.58	\$890,692.00
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>	\$ 41,385.32	\$117,236.75	\$158,622.07
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$648,897.74	\$400,416.33	\$1,049,314.07

A motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve payment of the current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$38,432.77. The motion was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

- 222 responses were received from the recent online survey. Two-thirds of respondents were interested in the council pursuing efforts for infrastructure repairs and updates through a city property tax increase. Thank you for your participation.
- The Jupiter Road drainage project will begin once the TRWD permit is approved.
- Delivery of new trash carts is expected to begin on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Carter Blood Bank will be at City Hall on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-2pm.
- Drainage efforts are continuing throughout the city.

**OATHS OF OFFICE:**

City Secretary, Adabeth Shumate, presented the Oath of Office to councilmembers Kathy Martin, John Adair and Tom Sherman. These council members ran unopposed in the May election and will serve the city for another two-year term.

**MAYOR PRO TEM:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to appoint Councilman Hedge to serve a one-year term as Mayor Pro-Tem. The vote was unanimous for approval, with Councilman Hedge abstaining.

**SAMCO CAPITAL MUNICIPAL ADVISORY CONTRACT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve a Municipal Advisory Contract with Samco Capital Markets, Inc., and the motion was unanimously approved. Samco will assist the city in locating financing options for infrastructure improvements through the city.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPT.** – Officer Bryan Cook reported 68 total calls for service in April with one (1) citation issued, six (6) warnings issued, one (1) suspicious person, one (1) suspicious vehicle, one (1) traffic control, three (3) special assignments and two (2) alarm calls. Efforts are continuing to curtail speeding on Sunset Blvd.

**BUILDING & ZONING** – Whitney Paschal reported that there are currently twenty-three (23) active permits with six (6) new permits issued in April.

**GOLF COMMITTEE** – Committee Chairman, Gary Robertson, reported there are plans for a July 4<sup>th</sup> golf tournament at Star Harbor and the committee is actively seeking volunteers to assist. Construction of a practice tee is also being planned. It was stressed that young golfers need to be encouraged to learn the game of golf and need to be welcomed to play in Star Harbor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- Russell Nelson commented on placement of rumble strips/speed bumps.

**PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:**

1. **BOAT RAMP** - Councilman Hedge reported that the boat ramp access/exit codes appear to be working as planned and that the light at the end of the pier needs replacing.
2. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin - no additional report
3. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison recommends his group further research the speed bump/rumble strip option.
4. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman – no additional report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

**ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE**  
**City Secretary**