

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

**6:00pm**

**CITY HALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Steve Watson, Councilmembers Tom Sherman, Kathy Martin, John Adair and Tony Morrison. There being a quorum present, Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Morrison and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were thirty-one (31) in attendance at the meeting.

Henderson County Precinct #1 Commissioner Wendy Spivey was introduced and addressed attendees regarding her re-election political campaign.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

- None

**Consent Item/s:**

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Adair, to dispense with the reading of the January 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 January 31, 2024, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$909,974.75	\$ 79,101.72	\$989,076.47
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>	\$ 79,321.50	\$112,297.83	\$191,619.33
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$989,296.25	\$191,399.55	\$1,180,695.80

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$5790.00, which vote was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

- Mayor Steve Watson commented on the progress of the TRWD permit approval and Oncor easement permit for the proposed wastewater plant and stated that engineers hope to have bids out in 2-3 weeks.
- A proposed ten-year contract for wastewater treatment was received from the City of Malakoff.

- TRWD has been contacted and the city is awaiting a reply regarding the city's request to be allowed to run a line through TRWD property to alleviate the Jupiter Road drainage issue.
- Financing options for the golf course irrigation project are being considered.
- Once a TRWD permit is issued work will commence on the Lakeside Drive drainage project.

**MAYOR PRO TEM:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to appoint Councilman John Adair to serve a one-year term as Mayor Pro Tem. The vote was unanimously approved, with Councilman Adair abstaining.

**APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY ON CITY COUNCIL:**

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to appoint Bobby Hedge to fulfill the term of the vacated city council seat left when Councilman Steve Watson was appointed to serve as mayor. The term runs through May, 2024. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. City Secretary, Adabeth Shumate, gave the Oath of Office to Bobby Hedge.

**S&P GLOBAL INVOICE:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to pay the invoice from S&P Global for services rendered during the process of obtaining Municipal Bond approval for the proposed wastewater treatment plant. The motion was approved unanimously.

**SETTLING POND CLEANING BIDS:**

After review of three proposals, a motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve the bid for cleaning of the water plant settling pond from MagnaFlow, which was unanimous for approval.

**GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION DESIGN:**

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve DG Design Works to consult and design the city's golf course irrigation plan. The vote was unanimous in approval.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPT.** – Chief Commino presented the written annual Racial Profiling Report and reported 68 total calls for service in January with five (5) citations issued, six (6) warnings issued, one (1) suspicious person, one (1) suspicious vehicle, two (2) welfare concerns, one (1) criminal trespass warning, four (4) traffic control calls, three (3) follow-up investigations, five (5) special assignments and two (2) alarm calls.

**BUILDING & ZONING** – Tanya DeVaney gave a report of activity of the B&Z Review Board for permits issued in January: an addition to a dwelling at #43 Lakeside Drive and swimming pool at #40 Sundown Trail.

**GOLF COMMITTEE** – Randy Holmes presented the report for Chairperson Paula Holmes.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- Tommy Clark, Warren Claxton and Nancy Shaner commented on the golf course irrigation project.
- Jim Richardson commented on a late fee for his city utility account.
- Nancy Shaner, Gary Vermillion and Steve Donalson inquired about the status of the Jupiter Road drainage issue and the damage that is occurring as a result.
- Steve Donalson inquired about the city’s Municipal Bond rating.

**CONTRACTS/FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS APPROVED DURING MEETING:**

- S&P Global invoice, bid from MagnaFlow for water plant settling pond clean out and bid from DG Design Works for golf course irrigation design.

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

Respectfully submitted,

**ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE**  
City Secretary