

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Haley, Councilmembers Kathy Martin, Tom Sherman, Steve Watson, John Adair and Tony Morrison. There being a quorum present, Mayor Haley 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 Haley. There were forty (40) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Bobby Hedge, Ed Tipton, Nancy Shaner and John McKenney commented on the wastewater project.

Consent Item/s:

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to dispense with the reading of the October 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 October 31, 2023, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$625,480.54	\$ 78,535.40	\$704,015.94
UTILITY FUND	\$ 81,996.06	\$111,605.25	\$193,601.31
TOTAL:	\$707,476.60	\$190,140.65	\$897,617.25

A motion was made by Councilman Watson, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$27,875.11, which vote was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Mayor Haley spoke to the wastewater project costs and stated that options will continue to be pursued in order to make an informed decision to enable the city council to make the best decision for the entire city.
- The Briarwood subdivision water project continues which will provide an additional revenue source for the city.
- A TCEQ representative met with the mayor recently regarding burning within the city limits.
- Post Office delays are a concern for the city and for residents in receiving utility billing cards and payments.

- The boat ramp fence project is on hold.
- Renovations begin this week on the city's workshop.
- A city-wide Christmas party is being planned for December 15th, at 6pm. Contact one of your city council members or City Hall to volunteer to assist.
- The golf course irrigation project continues.
- Generator concrete pads will be poured later this week.

REPUBLIC SERVICES BULK TRASH PROPORAL:

Two proposals were presented by Republic Services Municipal Sales Manager, Leigh Ferguson: 2 cubic yard bundles of limbs each week for each residence at a cost of \$1.26 per month or one 30-yard roll off dumpster at a cost of \$485 for each time it is ordered. The council will take these proposals under consideration.

ATMOS ENERGY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT:

Atmos Energy representative, John Manganilla, presented the renewal of the city's franchise agreement with Atmos Energy. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Morrison to approve the agreement. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM:

Due to councilmember Sherman not being available to fulfill the role of Mayor Pro-Tem because of work commitments, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to appoint Councilman Watson as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was unanimously approved, with Councilmember Watson abstaining.

WATER WELL PERMIT REQUEST - #10 SUNSET BLVD.:

Upon the review and recommendation from the B&Z Review Board, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve a water well permit for #10 Sunset Blvd. The motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION entered into at 6:30pm. OPEN SESSION began again at 6:40pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Sherman to table agenda items #13 (Acquiring Access to Property for Drainage) and #14 (Wastewater Treatment Plant Options) for a later meeting, and the motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Haley gave an explanation of the municipal bond funding process that the city had undergone through Government Capital.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Lt. Dow reported 94 total calls for service with ten (10) citations issued, two (2) warnings issued, one (1) suspicious person, one (1) welfare concern, three (3) traffic controls, three (3) follow-up investigations, two (2) special assignments and one (1) alarm call.

BUILDING & ZONING – Tanya DeVaney reported activity of the B&Z Review Board for permits issued in October: fence at #5 Woodlawn Way, carport at #51 Westview Drive and accessory buildings at #1 Woodlawn Way and #35 Lakeside Drive.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Gary Vermillion commented on the drainage issue on Jupiter Road.
- Nancy Shaner commented on financial consideration to a city loan payoff.
- John McKenney commented on utility billing late fees.

CONTRACTS/FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS APPROVED DURING MEETING:

- Atmos Energy Franchise Agreement

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTH-SHUMATE
City Secretary