

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

OCTOBER 9, 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 twenty-two (22) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Jackie Robinson inquired about agenda item #8
- David Shelton commented on agenda item #10 & #11
- Rozanna May and Randy Holmes commented on agenda item #11
- Roy Scruggs inquired about agenda item #10

Consent Item/s:

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to dispense with the reading of the September 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 September 30, 2023, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$677,315.22	\$ 78,103.67	\$755,418.89
UTILITY FUND	\$105,875.97	\$110,932.53	\$216,808.50
TOTAL:	\$783,191.19	\$189,036.20	\$972,227.39

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$7447.80, which vote was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- There are concerns over the financing of the city's wastewater construction project and Mayor Haley is continuing efforts.
- Efforts to re-design the golf course irrigation system are underway.

TRACTOR PURCHASE:

Two proposals were reviewed, and after considerable discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Adair, to purchase a John Deere 4044M compact utility tractor from United Ag & Turf in Athens, Texas. The vote was unanimous for approval.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Martin, to appoint Charles Buenger of Waco, Texas, as the city's new city attorney. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B&Z ORDINANCE NO. 172R ADDENDUMS:

A motion was made by Councilman Watson, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to table this item for further information to be presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

CITY BURN PILE AREA:

A motion was made by Councilman Adair, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to table this item to allow the mayor time to gather additional options with regards to the burning by residents. The motion was approved unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Commino reported 132 total calls for service with one (1) citation issued, five (5) warnings issued, one (1) suspicious person, one (1) welfare concern, two (2) traffic controls, three (3) follow-up investigations, two (2) special assignments, one (1) accident, two (2) alarm calls, two (2) fireworks calls, one (1) theft, one (1) criminal mischief, one (1) unlawful carrying of weapon and one (1) DWI.

BUILDING & ZONING – Activity of the B&Z Review Board for September: permits issued in September were for revisions to a deck permit at #11 Bayside Drive and new dwelling permits at #3 Quail Circle and #12 Huckleberry Lane.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- None

CONTRACTS/FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS APPROVED DURING MEETING:

- Tractor purchase
- City attorney letter of engagement

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary