

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 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-one (21) in attendance at the meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

- John McKenney urged consideration of the Log Cabin Police Department MOU before renewing.

**Consent Item/s:**

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Watson, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to dispense with the reading of the August 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 August 31, 2023, 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>	\$694,849.60	\$ 78,103.67	\$772,953.27
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>	\$ 85,889.05	\$110,932.53	\$196,821.58
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$780,738.65	\$189,036.20	\$969,774.85

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Watson, to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$13,828.33, which vote was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

- The mayor gave an update on the golf course irrigation and wastewater financing efforts.
- Residents are reminded that the County-wide burn ban continues.
- Low lake levels call for water conservation efforts from our residents.
- The city's water standpipe was recently emptied due to chlorine deficiencies.
- Property owners bear responsibility for removal of dead trees on their lots.

**2023/2024 BUDGET:**

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

**TREE REMOVAL BIDS:**

After review of three estimates from tree removal companies a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve Joe Martinez to submit a written proposal and to remove the dead trees on city property. The vote was unanimously approved.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT MOU:**

Discussion centered upon a request for a more visible presence of officers in the city and an approximate number of hours for patrol to be reported monthly. A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Log Cabin Police Department. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**PROJECT LIST:**

Mayor Haley presented a 2023/2024 Projects List for consideration by the city council. The following projects were approved:

- 1.) A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve repairs to the City Hall facility and Maintenance Building as presented, and the vote was unanimously approved.
- 2.) A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Watson, to approve the Lakeside Drive drainage proposal and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- 3.) Mayor Haley is tasked with beginning the street paving project from the list of city streets requiring repaving.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPT.** – Lt. Raleigh Dow reported 108 total calls for service with one (1) citation issued, four (4) warnings issued, two (2) suspicious persons, one (1) welfare concern, one (1) disturbance call, two (2) motorist assists, one (1) accident and subsequent arrest, one (1) theft and one (1) assault. New Officer Jacob Wilson was introduced to attendees.

**BUILDING & ZONING** – The B&Z Review Board report was given by Adabeth Shumate in the absence of Tanya DeVaney. Permits issued in August were for a water well at 13 Woodlawn Way, a new construction permit at 8 Deer Run, a patio at 11 Bayside Drive and a deck at 47 Westview Drive.

**GOLF COMMITTEE** – Committee Chairperson, Paula Holmes, reported that tee box renovations have been completed and pull cart straps were replaced. Excessive heat has delayed beautification projects. The committee paid one-half of the cost of an accessory building to house golf course and tournament items. A recommended plan for course maintenance and payment options were submitted to the mayor. Plans have begun for a new landscaping plan and golf membership survey.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- None

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

- 2023/2024 Budget
- Tree removal bid from Joe Martinez for \$8700.
- Log Cabin Police Dept. MOU

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE**  
City Secretary