

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

AUGUST 11, 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-seven (27) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Gary Vermillion asked for an update on the drainage and proposed street improvements on Jupiter Road.

PURPLE HEART CITY PROCLAMATION:

Jennifer Browning, a representative with Caring for America, gave a brief history of the non-profit organization and introduced two men in attendance who are Purple Heart recipients. Mayor Watson then read a Proclamation designating the City of Star Harbor as a Purple Heart City and expressed appreciation for all those who have served our country. Ms. Browning presented the mayor with a plaque which will be displayed in the city.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Adair, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to dispense with the reading of the July 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 July 31, 2025 which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$444,387.85	\$227,554.00	\$671,941.85
UTILITY FUND	\$ 7,164.18	\$ 86,457.25	\$ 93,621.43
TOTAL:	\$451,552.03	\$314,011.25	\$765,563.28

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Hedge, to approve payment of the current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$47,197.72. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Lift Station #2 refurbishment project is complete.

- The Jupiter Road drainage project is nearing completion.
- A City-wide Clean Up weekend is scheduled for August 16 & 17.
- The city's Outdoor Storage Facility has several openings for lease.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION:

Jack McLiney with Samco Capital presented the results of today's top five bids for the city's Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025. The city received an "A" credit rating and the Bank of Oklahoma was the top bid at an interest rate of 4.034%. He also offered information on the impact to Star Harbor property owners for the \$1,800,000 funds. Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Hedge, moved to adopt an ordinance authorizing the City of Star Harbor, Texas, combination tax and limited pledge revenue certificates of obligation, Series 2025. After discussion and review of presented details, the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BOND COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve a Resolution approving an engagement agreement for bond counsel legal services with Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP. The motion was approved unanimously.

2025/2026 TAX RATE/PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Adair, to table the approval of the tax rate and public budget hearing until further financial information is received from the Henderson County Tax Office. The vote was unanimous for approval.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Officer Cook reported one hundred fifty-one (151) total calls for service in July with one (1) citation issued, six (6) warnings issued, one (1) welfare concern, two (2) traffic controls, four (4) special assignments, two (2) animal calls, one (1) noise complaint, four (4) fireworks calls and one (1) alarm call.

BUILDING & ZONING REVIEW BOARD– Adabeth Shumate reported that there are currently nineteen (19) active permits.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee member, Kathy Martin, reported that repairs are complete on the recent golf irrigation issue.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- None

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **BOAT RAMP** - Councilman Hedge reported activity has slowed at the boat ramp area and he urged residents not to share their access code with others to avoid abuse.
2. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin - no additional report
3. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison – no additional report
4. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman – no additional report
5. **REVENUE** – Councilman Adair reported this group has had one meeting and they are preparing a presentation for the September council meeting. Any persons interested in joining this group are urged to contact Councilman Adair.

The council entered an Executive Session at 6:45pm for legal discussion. They reconvened into open session at 7:25pm, and there being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary

