

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 9, 2026

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge, John Adair and Tony Morrison. Councilman Sherman was absent. There being a quorum present, Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Adair and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were twenty-three (23) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Roxanna May commented on Agenda Item #12.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to dispense with the reading of the January council minutes and approve them as submitted. Approval for the motion was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mayor Watson presented the monthly financial report with the following bank balances as of January 31, 2026, which were accepted and filed for audit:

| | <u>CHECKING</u> | <u>CD'S</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$477,728.45 | \$232,020.43 | \$709,748.88 |
| UTILITY FUND | \$ 1,914.21 | \$ 88,346.30 | \$ 90,260.51 |
| TOTAL: | \$479,642.66 | \$320,366.73 | \$800,009.39 |

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve payment of the current Account Payable in the amount of \$458.30. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Mayor Watson alerted residents to surveyors that will soon be in the city pertaining to the proposed drainage project. Engineering reports will then be forthcoming.
- A blood drive is scheduled for February 14th at City Hall.
- Dumpsters will be at City Hall the weekend of February 21st & 22nd for property owner's use only.

GOLF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS:

Golf fees, membership details and rules were presented by the Golf Committee. After discussion and a few minor changes, a motion was made by Councilman Adair, seconded Councilman Hedge, to approve the information as provided for the 2026/2027 golf year which begins on April 1st. The motion was unanimously approved.

B&Z REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

An ordinance violation occurred on January 12, 2026 for a water well dug at #30 Sunset Blvd. without a permit. After discussion of the project details the council agreed that no penalty would be assessed for the violation. A motion was then made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Hedge to approve the submitted application for a water well and approval for the motion was unanimous.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE CITY PROPERTY:

Resident Ray Batten requests to purchase a piece of Blk. 10, Lot 27 from the city which runs adjacent to his property at 51 Lakeside Drive. A motion was made by Councilman Adair, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to begin the process of selling this portion of a lot to Mr. Batten with Batten paying surveying and appraisal costs. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

BURNING ON CITY PROPERTY:

Councilman Hedge recommended to table this item for a future meeting. No vote was taken.

PICKLEBALL PROJECT:

Councilman Morrison reported that partial funding has been received for this project. The Pickleball Project Group is requesting to begin breaking ground in late March for the court construction. A motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Adair, to allow construction to begin. The vote was unanimous for approval.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – In the absence of Chief Commino Mayor Watson read the following report: sixty-two (62) total calls for service in January with one (1) suspicious person, one (1) suspicious vehicle, one (1) disturbance, two (2) traffic controls, one (1) follow-up investigation, two (2) special assignments, two (2) animal complaints and one (1) alarm call.

BUILDING & ZONING – B&Z Administration, Whitney Paschal, reported eleven (11) active permits with three new permits issued in January: fence @#13 Jupiter Road, new dwelling @#24 Starview Drive and a carport @#3 Land Cove.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman, Gary Robertson, reported on activities.

UTILITY OPERATIONS – Eric Hendrix gave a monthly activity report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Mark Smith commented on code violation notices and citizen concern forms.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **REVENUE** – Councilman Adair – no report
2. **BOAT RAMP** – Councilman Hedge reported that a quote was received for widening of the seawall at the city's boat ramp.
3. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin – no report
4. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison – no report
5. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman - no report

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**WHITNEY PASCHAL for
ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary**

