

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

JULY 14, 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 sixteen (16) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Adair, to dispense with the reading of the June 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 June 30, 2025 which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$521,974.56	\$227,353.16	\$749,327.72
UTILITY FUND	\$ 23,226.82	\$115,787.78	\$139,014.60
TOTAL:	\$545,201.38	\$343,140.94	\$888,342.32

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve payment of the current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$77,620.19. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- An update was given on the Jupiter Road drainage project and the city's water plant operation.
- Lift Station #2 is currently undergoing refurbishment.
- A new speed bump was installed at the city's entrance to curtail speeding. Plans for additional bump installation are being made.
- Thank you to Rhonda Nelson and all the volunteers who helped to organize and make the July 4th parade a success. Over 200 people participated in this year's parade.
- The city's dog ordinance was reviewed and residents were reminded that only two dogs are allowed per residence, a service animal with certification filed at City

- Hall and that dogs must at all times be on a leash, in a fenced yard or under the immediate control of their owner(s).

PICKLEBALL PROJECT COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve the establishment of a checking account for the Pickleball Project Committee at First State Bank. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

FENCE VARIANCE REQUEST:

Property owner, John Marshall, at Block 19, Lot 16 is requesting a privacy fence to be installed on the south side of his property adjacent to the fence at the city's Outdoor Storage Facility. After discussion and review of presented details, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve the request and instruct the B&Z Review Board to process the fence application as requested. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1, with Councilman Hedge casting the dissenting vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Mayor Watson gave the report in the absence of Chief Commino: seventy-six (76) total calls for service in June with five (5) warnings issued, one (1) harassment call, one (1) animal call, one (1) deadly conduct call and one (1) alarm call.

BUILDING & ZONING REVIEW BOARD– Whitney Paschal reported that there are currently twenty-five (25) active permits.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman, Gary Robertson, reported on Sunday evening scrambles being awesome, a new QR code is now available for payment of green fees, new Golf Committee members have joined the group, a Fall Golf Tournament is being scheduled and the July 5th fundraising breakfast and auction brought in approximately \$4300. Thanks to all that participated!

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- None

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **BOAT RAMP** - Councilman Hedge reported on a successful July 4th holiday weekend at the boat ramp.
2. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin - no additional report
3. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison – no additional report
4. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman asked about the bond approval process for funding of drainage and street work and Mayor Watson reported that this work is continuing.

Councilman Adair suggests a new committee be formed to investigation additional revenue sources within the city. Any interested volunteers are to contact him about the formation of this group.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary