

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

**MARCH 10, 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 Adair and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were thirty-two (32) in attendance at the meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Warren Claxton and Don Ellis inquired about the differences in city classification pertaining to agenda item #10.
- Jackie Robinson commented on the pickleball presentation, agenda item #11.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to dispense with the reading of the February 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 February 28, 2025, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$684,225.15	\$283,037.55	\$967,262.70
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>	\$ 97,041.28	\$115,100.80	\$212,142.08
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$781,266.43	\$398,138.35	\$1,179,404.78

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve payment of the current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$6610.54. The motion was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

- The refurbishment project at Lift Station #1 is complete.
- Inframark is the company now managing and operating the city's water plant.
- Thank you to Patti Tucker for arranging the recent Carter Blood Drive.
- The city is waiting for confirmation from Republic Services regarding refuse containers. Residents will be notified when details are received.
- A new city worker will soon be hired to assist Eric and his crew.

**ORDER OF ELECTION CANCELLATION:**

Due to three incumbents signing up to run unopposed for the upcoming May 3<sup>rd</sup> election a motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Hedge, to approve the cancellation of this election. The motion was approved unanimously.

**WATER PLANT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:**

Proposals were reviewed from BLOC Design Build and NELtronics, LLC for a filtration monitoring system at the city's water plant. After discussion with the city's Operations Manager, Eric Hendrix, a motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve the purchase from NELtronics, LLC in the amount of \$16,725.00. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**CHANGE IN CITY CLASSIFICATION:**

Pros and cons were discussed about the city converting its Class "B" municipality status to a Class "A" municipality. Information was provided by the city attorney and SAMCO Capital representatives regarding this conversion. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve the change for the City of Star Harbor to a Class "A" municipality. The motion was approved unanimously.

**PICKELBALL PRESENTATION:**

Resident Russell Nelson presented the council and attendees with detailed information about the proposed pickleball courts in Star Harbor.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPT.** – Chief Sam Commينو reported 178 total calls for service in February with six (6) warnings issued, one (1) welfare concern, two (2) traffic controls, three (3) follow-up investigations, three (3) special assignments, one (1) animal complaint and two (2) alarm calls. The annual Racial Profiling Report was provided to the council.

**BUILDING & ZONING** – B&Z Review Board Administrator, Whitney Paschal, reported that there are currently eighteen (18) active permits with four (4) new permits issued in February.

**GOLF COMMITTEE** – Kathy Martin reported that golf membership letters will be mailed out this week and that tree trimming work is underway on the course.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- Russell Nelson inquired about the addition of higher rumble strips to deter speeding on city streets.
- Nancy Shaner commented on the pickleball presentation, boat ramp access and lift station fencing.

**PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:**

1. **BOAT RAMP** – Councilman Hedge – details on boat ramp access and signage are being discussed.
2. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin had no additional report.
3. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison commented on speed bumps on city streets.
4. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman had no report.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE**  
**City Secretary**

