

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

JANUARY 12, 2026

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Tom Sherman, Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge and Tony Morrison. Councilman Adair was absent. 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 fourteen (14) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Hedge, to dispense with the reading of the December 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 December 31, 2025, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$468,073.21	\$231,813.48	\$699,886.69
UTILITY FUND	\$ 3,163.19	\$ 87,565.65	\$ 90,728.84
TOTAL:	\$471,236.40	\$319,379.13	\$790,615.53

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve payment of the current Account Payable in the amount of \$38,224.02. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Mayor Watson gave a progress report on discussions with Chief Jerrod, ESD #1, regarding the installation of dry hydrants and an automated weather siren as well as a construction site for of a fire station.

MAY 2, 2026 ELECTION:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to call an election for May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two council members. The motion was unanimously approved. The two-year terms for Councilmen

Hedge and Morrison and Mayor Watson expire May, 2026. Filing dates and times are posted at City Hall.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Officer Amy Myers reported sixty-three (63) total calls for service in December with three (3) warnings issued, one (1) traffic control, two (2) follow-up investigations, one (1) special assignment, one (1) animal complaint and two (2) alarm calls.

BUILDING & ZONING – B&Z Administration, Whitney Paschal, reported ten (10) active permits with no permits being issued in December.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee member, Kathy Martin, reported that the committee is reviewing golf course rules and fees for the upcoming year to present to the council for approval.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Alexa Ward inquired on future quarterly city-wide clean up dates.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **REVENUE** – Councilman Adair – no report
2. **BOAT RAMP** – Councilman Hedge reported that repair to the city's boat ramp will be scheduled with Martin Marine now that the lake level is low.
3. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin – no report.
4. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison will be reviewing the engineering reports anticipated to be completed by the end of March.
5. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman is awaiting engineering reports as well.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary