

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

**6:00pm**

**CITY HALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Steve 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 nineteen (19) 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 August 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 August 31, 2024, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$713,648.41	\$80,231.63	\$793,880.04
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>	\$ 62,200.05	\$113,679.92	\$175,879.97
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$775,848.46	\$193,911.55	\$969,760.01

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve the current Account Payable in the amount of \$5063.75, which vote was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

- Recent street paving on three city streets has been completed.
- The lift station fencing project has been completed as well.
- The golf irrigation pump is to be delivered on 9/10/24.

**2024/2025 BUDGET:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Hedge, to approve the 2024/2025 budget as presented in the Public Budget Hearing. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The City Council convened into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 6:20pm to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. The council reconvened into Open Session at 6:30pm. A motion was then made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve Ordinance 179 determining the necessity of acquiring real property for construction of public drainage facilities located near Jupiter Road; authorizing appropriation of real property for public use; authorizing the use of eminent domain to condemn property pursuant to Section 2206.053 of the Government Code; delegating authority to initiate condemnation proceedings to the Mayor; providing an effective date. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPT.** – Lt. Dow reported seventy-one (71) total calls for service in August with three (3) citations issued, five (5) warnings issued, one (1) suspicious person, one (1) traffic control, one (1) special assignment, six (6) animal complaints and one (1) alarm call.

**BUILDING & ZONING** – Adabeth Shumate reported on August activity of the B&Z Review Board:

- Stop Work Order lifted at #10 Huckleberry Lane
- Nineteen (19) active permits

**GOLF COMMITTEE** – Kathy Martin reported that the golf irrigation project is continuing with the installation of the new pump expected soon. The committee plans to address membership details in an upcoming meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- A.J. and Robyn Miller commented on boat ramp use and non-payment of fees.
- Rhonda Nelson inquired about warranty on street paving.
- Gary Vermillion inquired about the ongoing Jupiter Road drainage issue.
- Ginny Hedge is seeking volunteers for the Star Harbor Events Group.
- Nancy Shaner commented on lift station fencing, golf course irrigation design drawing, a recently erected carport at #3 Sundown Trail, and concerns over condition of #1 Crescent Drive.

**PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:**

1. **BOAT RAMP** – Councilman Hedge reported that gate security is a priority.
2. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin had no additional report.
3. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison reported he has plans to raise funds for residents to sponsor sections of street paving and that a trial for a new paving product may be available at no cost to the city.
4. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman reported a meeting is planned with an engineer. Mayor Watson commented that drainage ditch work is a high priority for the city and that a new piece of equipment has been ordered to facilitate this project.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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