

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

APRIL 13, 2026

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 March 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 March 31, 2026, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$573,555.04	\$233,954.79	\$807,509.83
UTILITY FUND	\$ 10,928.15	\$ 88,346.30	\$ 99,274.45
TOTAL:	\$584,483.19	\$322,301.09	\$906,784.28

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve payment of the current Account Payable in the amount of \$32,082.56. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Mayor Watson stated that TVEC has begun a project in the city replacing poles from the entrance down Sunset Blvd. where it dead ends into Shoreline Drive.
- A drainage project update was given by Mayor Watson. Bid opening is scheduled for May 5th.
- Mayor Watson informed attendees of a new FEMA grant available in the State of Texas.

WATER RATE ANALYSIS:

After reviewing the past several years' water production costs, it has become necessary to increase water rates in the city. After careful consideration and review of the details a motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Morrison to set the following water rates effective May 1, 2026: \$60.00 base monthly fee which includes 2000 gallons with overage charged at \$17.50 per thousand gallons (prorated). The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The updated water fee schedule information will be emailed to residents, posted at City Hall, included in the monthly newsletter and on the city's website.

ATMOS COALITION RESOLUTION:

A motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve the ATM Resolution No. 01-2026 as prepared by the Herrera & Boyle Law Firm. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

LIFT STATION GENERATORS:

A motion was made by Councilman Adair, seconded by Councilman Martin, to approve the purchase of two lift station generators from Clifford Power with concrete and installation costs totaling \$94,605.00. Approval of the motion was unanimous.

LIFT STATION PUMP PURCHASE:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve the purchase of a back-up lift station pump for the Jupiter Road location from Wholesale Pump & Supply at a cost of \$17,714.96. The vote was unanimous for approval.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. –Lt. Meyers reported fifty-nine (59) total calls for service in March with three (3) welfare concerns, two (2) special assignments and one (1) noise complaint.

BUILDING & ZONING –B&Z Administrator, Whitney Paschal, reported eight (8) current active permits with one (1) new dwelling permit issued at #16 Big Oak and one (1) detached garage permit at #8 Southshore Circle issued in March.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman, Gary Robertson, reported that fertilizing on the golf course will soon begin and the membership/sponsorship drive continues.

UTILITY OPERATIONS – Eric Hendrix gave a monthly maintenance activity report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Keith Massingill thanked the Golf Committee for establishing a Junior membership, commented on a recent issue with a golf marshal, expressed ditch work concerns over recent efforts and asked the council to review their agreement with ESD #1.
- Tony Morrison reported that construction has begun on the Pickleball Project.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **REVENUE** – Councilman Adair – no report
2. **BOAT RAMP** – Councilman Hedge – no report
3. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin reported
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 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary

