

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

JANUARY 13, 2025

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge, John Adair and Tony Morrison. Councilman Sherman was absent. There being a quorum present, Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Morrison and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were twenty (20) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Adair, 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, 2024, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$494,259.11	\$280,809.09	\$775,068.20
UTILITY FUND	\$ 85,378.40	\$114,403.34	\$199,781.74
TOTAL:	\$579,637.51	\$395,212.43	\$974,849.94

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve payment of the current Account Payable in the amount of \$31,864.30. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Mayor Watson gave an update on the drainage project on Jupiter Road.
- The city's recent application for a CDB Grant was not awarded; however, the city will continue to work on other grant opportunities through FEMA and possibly a bond for street paving options.
- Work will begin soon on a culvert replacement project which runs under Rainbow Drive and Grandview.

AUDIT REPORT:

Auditor and CPA Mike Ward presented the city's 2023 audit report and distributed copies to the council. His report reflects clear and concise accounting practices and a healthy financial situation for the City.

REPUBLIC SERVICES CONTRACT:

Leigh Ferguson, Republic Services Municipal Sales Manager, was introduced and answered questions regarding contract renewal. After discussion of multiple options Councilman Morrison made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve the annual contract renewal with Republic Services with one 95-gallon cart provided to each residence. Each cart will hold up to ten 13-gallon kitchen bags with a maximum weight of 200 lbs. The increased monthly cost per household will be \$1.04. An additional cart can be purchased at a cost of \$6 per month and door-side assistance can be provided for any mobility-impaired residents by contacting City Hall. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Details of this upcoming change will be posted in the monthly newsletter and on the city's website at cityofstarharbor.com.

ATM RESOLUTION:

The city is a member of the Atmos Texas Municipalities (ATM) Coalition represented by the Herrera & Boyle Law Firm in Austin, Texas. Darwin Winfield, Atmos Energy Public Affairs Manager, was in attendance and offered answers to questions regarding the proposed rate increase by Atmos Energy. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve the ATM Resolution denying the proposed rate increase by Atmos Energy Corporation. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAINTENANCE SHOP ROOFING QUOTES:

Two quotes were reviewed for the project. After discussion and review of the quotes, a motion was made by Councilman Adair, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to proceed with the Maintenance Shop roofing project with Athens Steel Building at a cost of \$10,802. The vote was unanimous for approval.

MAY 3, 2025 ELECTION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Hedge, to call an election for May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing three council members. The two-year terms for Councilmembers Sherman, Martin and Adair expire May, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved. Filing dates and times are posted at City Hall.

B&Z REVIEW COMMITTEE ORDINANCE:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve Ordinance No. 181 establishing the Building & Zoning Review Board, its purpose and procedures, which motion was approved unanimously.

SECURITY CAMERA PROPOSAL:

The police department presented a quote from Conquest Wireless for updated and increased security cameras at City Hall, the city's Outdoor Storage area and both lift stations for a proposed cost of \$11,262.38. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve the proposal by unanimous vote.

WATER PLANT GENERATOR INSTALLATION:

Two quotes were reviewed for this project. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Morrison, to approve the cost for installation of the water plant facility generator to Hendry Electric at a cost of \$18,350. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Officer Amy Myers reported 160 total calls for service in December with one (1) citation issued, five (5) warnings issued, one (1) criminal trespass warning, one (1) traffic control, two (2) follow-up investigations, three (3) special assignments, and one (1) alarm call.

BUILDING & ZONING – The written report reflected twenty-two (22) active permits with five (5) permits being issued in December.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Gary Robertson gave an update on progress of the golf course and thanked numerous individuals for their assistance. The Golf Committee will be working on revised membership details in the near future.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Russell Nelson invited everyone to a Pickleball Event at the Malakoff Junior High School on February 1st.
- Anne Franklin inquired about fire hydrants on Shady Circle and asked for review of drainage ditches on the north side of the cul-de-sac in this area.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **BOAT RAMP** – Councilman Hedge is awaiting an additional quote.
2. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin – no report.
3. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison reported that this group will be meeting with two engineers on 1/17th to discuss options and alternatives for street paving products.
4. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman – no report.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary