

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

MAY 11, 2026

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge, John Adair and Tony Morrison. Councilman Tom Sherman was absent. 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 twenty-six (26) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Adair, to dispense with the reading of the April 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 April 30, 2026, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$558,683.06	\$234,159.20	\$792,842.26
UTILITY FUND	\$ 33,541.13	\$ 89,140.75	\$122,681.88
TOTAL:	\$592,224.19	\$323,299.95	\$915,524.14

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve payment of the current Account Payables in the amount of \$42,853.48. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Mayor Watson reported that lift station generators to be fueled with natural gas which were approved at last month's council meeting have been ordered. The pad construction will begin soon.
- The mayor thanked all those who have provided support and been instrumental in assisting him during the past 2 ½ years of his service to the city and he stated that it had been an honor for him to serve the city in this capacity.

DRAINAGE PROJECT CONTRACT:

Jeremy Bell, Project Engineer with Schaumburg & Polk reported that construction bids were solicited by S&P on behalf of the city and opened on May 5, 2026. Four bids were received complete and qualified. The low bidder for the project was Rad Civil Services, Tyler, Texas, in the amount of \$327,899.90. After reviewing the bid and reference checks the recommendation of the firm is to award the drainage construction bid to Rad Civil Services. A motion was made to accept the engineer's recommendation to hire Rad Civil Services, Inc. by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Morrison, and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

No **EXECUTIVE SESSION** was needed as the required information for discussion of the city property appraisal had not yet been received by the city.

CITY PROPERTY APPRAISAL/PURCHASE:

No action was taken as stated above.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. –Chief Commino reported fifty-seven (57) total calls for service in April with one (1) citation issued for city ordinance violation, four (4) warnings issued, one (1) other-agency assist, three (3) follow-up investigations, three (3) special assignments, one (1) animal complaint and one (1) alarm call.

BUILDING & ZONING – In the absence of Whitney Paschal, Adabeth Shumate reported eleven (11) current active permits with the following permit being issued since the last council meeting: A pool/fence permit issued at #46 Westview Drive, a fence permit issued at #13 Woodlawn Way and an accessory building permit issued at #233 Shoreline Drive.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman, Gary Robertson, reported that the new practice facility was ready for use and that aeration and verticutting will soon begin.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Tony Morrison stated that the Pickleball Court concrete had been poured and will need to cure for thirty (30) days. Meanwhile other construction will take place.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **REVENUE** – Councilman Adair – no report
2. **BOAT RAMP** – Councilman Hedge – no report
3. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin – no report
4. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison – no report
5. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman - no report

OATH OF OFFICE:

City Secretary, Adabeth Shumate, gave the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Tony Morrison and David Pyke and to incoming Mayor Bobby Hedge.

MAYOR PRO-TEM:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Adair, to appoint Councilman Tony Morrison to serve a one-year term as Mayor Pro-tem. The motion was approved, with Councilman Morrison abstaining.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary

