

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

OCTOBER 14, 2024

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Steve Watson, Councilmembers Tom Sherman, Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge and John Adair. Councilman Morrison 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-one (21) 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 September 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 September 30, 2024, which were accepted and filed for audit:

| | <u>CHECKING</u> | <u>CD'S</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$398,026.60 | \$280,231.63 | \$678,258.23 |
| UTILITY FUND | \$ 73,259.91 | \$113,695.43 | \$186,955.34 |
| TOTAL: | \$471,286.51 | \$393,927.06 | \$865,213.57 |

A motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve payment of the current Account Payable in the amount of \$31,379.55. The City Secretary recommended that a maturing Certificate of Deposit at Prosperity Bank be closed and moved to another financial institution at a higher rate of interest.

A motion was then made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve the transfer of the maturing CD account funds from Prosperity Bank to another institution. Both motions were unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- The golf course irrigation project is nearing completion.
- Work on the Jupiter Road drainage issue continues.
- The back-up water plant pump has been repaired.
- Revisions to the city's B&Z Ordinance are being reviewed by legal counsel.

CITY OF LOG CABIN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve the twelve-month MOU for police services from the City of Log Cabin. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR RESOLUTION:

Lisette Howard, Senior Project Manager with Public Management, Inc., was introduced and explained the two required Resolutions presented for council action. A motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve a Resolution which allows the city to appoint Public Management, Inc. as the city's certified grant consultant to assist the city with the applications and management of a CDBG Grant. The vote was unanimous for approval.

TX DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE BLOCK GRANT RESOLUTION:

A motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve a Resolution which authorizes the city to commit to a top tier activity and to contributing \$15,000 to the grant, if awarded to the city. The motion was unanimously approved.

BANK DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Hedge, to approve the Bank Depository Agreement with First State Bank, which was approved by unanimous vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Commino reported seventy-four (74) total calls for service in September with six (6) warnings issued, two (2) traffic controls, two (2) special assignments, three (3) animal complaints and one (1) alarm call.

BUILDING & ZONING – Whitney Paschal reported thirteen (13) active permits .

GOLF COMMITTEE – Gary Robertson reported amazing support from the city council, mayor, city staff and volunteers on the golf course.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- David Shelton thanked the council, mayor and city staff for their efforts of fiscal responsibility.
- Russell Nelson invited residents to a pickleball event set for October 26th at 10am.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **BOAT RAMP** – Councilman Hedge reported that this group recommends privatizing the boat ramp area and is awaiting costs for keypads at the entrance and exit area. Future ramp repairs will be discussed later.
2. **GOLF COURSE** – No additional report.

3. **STREETS** – No additional report.
4. **DRAINAGE** – Maintenance Supervisor, Eric Hendrix, reported that ditch clean-out work to assist with drainage will begin near the end of October.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary