

Westmoreland City Council  
June 13, 2024 minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on June 13, 2024 at the Westmoreland Community Center for its monthly meeting.

**Governing Body members present:** Councilmembers, Jim Smith, Waide Purvis, John Coleman and Bruce Meininger.

**City Staff present:** Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn and City Clerk, Julie Wren

**Members absent:** Councilmember Ashley Rice, City Treasurer Amanda Reese and City Attorney Summer Dierks.

**Others present:** Residents- Michelle Campbell, Jim Moore, Leslie Campbell, Todd Prockish, Scott Garman; Italian Development Group- Ann-Marie Kennedy & Casey Maransani; West Pharm- Heath Eisenbarth; PTSO- Dale Rice; Reporter of The Times; Cale Prater.

There being a quorum present, Mayor, Mark S. Jack called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda:** Councilmember Meininger moved to approve the agenda with the amended item added. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Consent Items:** Councilmember Smith moved to approve the consent items. Councilmember Purvis seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Public comments on non-agenda items:** Heath Eisenbarth asked Council if it would be ok to hang up a banner at the RV Park at the intersection of Hwy 99 and Campbell St for his fireworks stand. Council agreed it would be fine.

Scott Garman wanted an update as to what was decided to help the speeding on Mainstreet. Rice said he could see if the radar sign would be available for that area.

#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

**Todd Prockish-Sewer Extension at 212 State St.:** Todd asked if the City would be willing to pay for the sewer extension project and turn over to specials. Bob will get in contact with Summer and SMH to get the ball rolling.

**Wanting our assistance to apply for the Middle-Income House Grant offered by the Kansas Housing Investor Resource Corporation:** Ann-Marie asked if we could

do another letter of support to try for this grant again for the lots off of Frontier. They said to have every member sign this letter.

**Tornado Update:** Long Term Recovery Group is formed; there's a town hall meeting being held on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center and Educational Building. This is to help those who were affected and to get them the assistance they need.

**Caring Community Foundation Update:** Money has been distributed to those in need. There are applications to be filled out. Not sure how much longer this will be available.

**Passing of Ordinance #601- Repealing Ord 328- Sidewalks Regulations:**

Councilmember Purvis moved to approve Ordinance 601 as presented. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Passing of Ordinance #602- Adding 25 cent charge to utility billing:**

Councilmember Purvis moved to approve Ordinance 602 as presented. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Passing of Resolution #02-24- adding lights at tennis court:** Councilmember Meininger moved to approve Ordinance 602 as presented. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Discuss the Westy Logo:** Purvis brought up to the Council that he'd like to change the logo for the city of Westmoreland. Councilmember Coleman moved to approve the change of the logo to the wagon wheel with #WestyStrong on it. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.



**Grant opportunities- Rural Champions:** Jeremy Lehning wanted to bring this to our attention, there's a board that's trying to help smaller communities improve their city. Jeremy had the park in mind for this grant. Waide asked Council to look the form over and Jeremy will come to the next meeting to give more detail.

**Future agenda items:** Grant opportunities- Rural Champions, speed bumps,

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Absent.

## ***Maintenance Report:***

### **UTILITIES**

- Completed 2 work orders for water meter read in/turn on and/or read out/shut off.
- Completed 26 Kansas One Call locates tickets.
- Larson Construction reset fire hydrant at 612 Campbell St.
- Collected and sent monthly drinking water samples to KDHE. Samples came back negative for E.coli and/or coliform.
- Reset sanitary sewer manhole cover damaged by debris clean up at 2<sup>nd</sup>/Grant.
- Repaired 12 AMR water meters that were damaged by the tornado and/or debris removal.
- Completed one work order to replace water meter pit lid at 405 E. Campbell, due to mower damage.
- Repaired damaged AMR water meter at 202 Cochrun.

### **STREETS**

- Issued a driveway culvert application for 210 S. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Issued a driveway culvert application for 109 N. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Installed replacement speed limit sign damaged at Skene/S. Walnut.
- Ordered replacement signage damaged by the tornado.
- Signed contract with Shilling Construction for asphalt patching under the authorized amount approved for 2024 and they have begun patching.
- Completed one work order for a driveway culvert installation at 210 S. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **PARKS**

- Picked up trash and tree limbs at city properties.
- Sprayed weeds at properties.
- Mowed and trimmed properties.
- Replaced damaged picnic table at the FMS.
- Replaced damaged water hydrants at sites 9, 10, 11, and 12 at the RV Park.
- Tested all the electrical pads at the RV Park before opening them up for use.
- Installed gate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout at the south ball diamond.
- Watered flower planters throughout town.
- Installed a lock on the breaker panel at the FMS, due to the power constantly being shut off to the shelter.
- Repaired damage to restroom stall door and installed fence panel in large open area of the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout at the south ball diamond.
- Trimmed tree limbs.
- Volunteers put together and set up pickle ball court/nets and basketball goal at City Park.

## CEMETERY

- Mowed and trimmed.
- Sprayed weeds.
- Repaired burial settlement
- Opened/closed cremation burial.
- Removed flowers and items as per cemetery rules.
- Opened cremation burial.

## POOL

- *Discuss pool demo.*

## BUILDINGS

- Modified and installed controlled access to the brush burn site, due to dumping of debris and other items not allowed under the KDHE permit.
- Fabrite repaired damage from rust to the bottoms and sides 4 trash dumpsters.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

- Issued a building permit for an accessory use building at 311 N. 1st.
- Issued a demolition permit for a structure at 406 Scott Dr.
- Issued a demolition permit for a structure at 308 N. Walnut.
- Issued a demolition permit for a structure at 408 N. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Issued a building permit for a fence at 210 N. 5<sup>th</sup> #4.
- Issued a building permit for an accessory use building at 401 N. Walnut.
- Issued a demolition permit for a structure at 407 N. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Issued a building permit for an accessory use building at 308 N. Walnut.
- Issued a building permit for a fence at 408 N. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Issued a building permit for a deck at 408 E. State.
- Issued a building permit for a house at 411 N. Walnut.
- Issued a building permit for a fence at 100 W. Armer.

## MISC.

Discuss 2024 projects:

- State St. intersection culvert replacement.
- Shop 20' addition to work bays.
- Community Center exterior rotted siding/trim replacement (last painted 2013 due to cost of replacement)
- N. Walnut St. Drainage issues.

**Clerks Report:** Waide, Mandi and Julie discussed how to catch up due to the extra paperwork thrown at us in the office due to tornado. Waide thought of having a part time person come in, however Mandi and Julie asked if closing for a day to the public would be a possibility for the Summer. Wednesday would be the day to be closed. Waide made a motion to close the office to the public on Wednesdays for the Summer or until caught up. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

10-33 Foundation will be holding a meeting June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm at the Educational Building. Council and all those who would like to talk with first responders are invited to attend.

**Streets-** Councilmember Meininger had nothing to report. Patching is almost done.

**Utilities-** Councilmember Coleman was absent.

**Animal Control-** Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

**Planning & Zoning-** Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

**Pool-** Councilmember Rice was absent.

**Cemetery-** Councilmember Purvis had nothing to report.

**Parks-** Jeremy Lehning and some kids put up new pickle ball courts and a basketball goal at the tennis courts. He also would like to get some new playground equipment. If he's able to come up for the funds to buy this piece of playground equipment. Would the City be ok with it going up and help keep up with it once put in placed. Councilmember Purvis moved to allow Jeremy to get the playground equipment for the City and the City help install and maintain it. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Fire Department-** Jim had brought up that the fire department had been in discussion of not purchasing a new battery for the jaws of life. He doesn't want to see them without it. Councilmember Purvis moved to buy or guarantee on the repair up to \$800 for the jaws of life. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Councilmember Purvis stated he would talk with Fire Chief Umscheid as well.

**Flint Hills Regional Council- Councilmember Meinger and Resident Michelle Campbell-** Nothing to report other than a meeting next week.

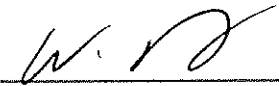
**Mayor-** Mayor Jack had wanted to give a huge shoutout to Spencer Jacobs for how well he's doing up at the T-ball field, from parking to the field. Thank you!

**City Attorney-** There will be a court case next week.

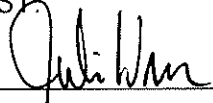
There being no further business, Councilmember Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Jack declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Approved by the Governing Body on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

  
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Waide Purvis, Mayor

ATTEST

  
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Julie Wren, City Clerk