

Westmoreland City Council
July 11, 2024 minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on July 11, 2024 at the Westmoreland Community Center for its monthly meeting.

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

City Staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn, City Treasurer Amanda Reese and City Clerk, Julie Wren

Members absent: City Attorney Summer Dierks.

Others present: Residents- Todd Prockish; Adams Brown- Alex Mittie; PTSO- Dale Rice and Crystian Torres; 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 Purvis asked that Rural Champions Grant opportunities be added to future agenda items in a few months. Councilmember Rice moved to approve the agenda with the amended items. Councilmember Purvis seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Consent Items: Councilmember Meininger moved to approve the consent items. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Public comments on non-agenda items: No comments made.

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion on proposed budget for 2025- Alex Mittie w/ Adams Brown: Alex Mittie with Adams Brown, sent a proposed 2025 Budget to look over and to vote to exceed the revenue neutral rate and report to the County. At this time there were no changes to the breakout of fund expenses. Councilmember Rice moved to submit notice to county clerk of exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Cottonwood Ride Addition- SMH Consultants: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn presented to the Council the summary of what was said in a zoom meeting with Attorney Dierks and SMH Consulting. The landowner Todd told Council he's got a relator and is trying to sell the lots. Todd is kicking around the idea of building something himself but right now is listed as a whole for full price. Councilmember Purvis asked if we could wait to move any further until Todd knows how many houses may be

going up. The Council doesn't want to see one individual stuck with the costs of an \$80,000 project when it could've been a \$5,000 project for one home to build there. This project is on hold until Todd knows if he's selling or keeping and plans to build. Krohn reminded Council per ordinance, there's no building allowed until all utilities are set.

Passing of Ord #605: Councilmember Meininger moved to approve Ordinance 605 as presented. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Future agenda items: Grant opportunities- Rural Champions in a few months, Complete Personnel Handbook

Reports:

Treasurer: Mandi asked Council if it'd be ok to go to a conference in Olathe for Budget Academy at the end of August. She would leave on the 28th and come back the 30th. Councilmember Purvis moved to have Mandi attend the Annual Budget Academy Conference in Olathe and hotel expenses paid for. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Maintenance Report:

UTILITIES

- Completed 7 work orders for water meter read in/turn on and/or read out/shut off.
- Completed 9 Kansas One Call locates tickets.
- Collected and sent monthly drinking water samples to KDHE.
- Collected and took 2nd quarter lagoon samples to Pace Analytical in Salina. Test results were all within permit limits.
- Installed replacement water meter resetter at 408 N. Walnut due to shut off valve not closing completely.
- Replaced water valve risers at 1st/Fulton, damaged by debris clean up from the tornado.

STREETS

- Replaced 6 sign/post/post anchors damaged by the tornado.

PARKS

- Picked up trash and tree limbs at city properties.
- Sprayed weeds at properties.
- Mowed and trimmed properties.
- Valburg Electric replaced damaged electrical panels at sites 12 and 14 at the RV Park and tested all remaining electrical pads that had been shut off.
- Watered flower planters throughout town.
- Pulled weeds in flower beds.
- Removed existing playground equipment and ground cover. Installed new treated

- wood edging, ground cover, and topsoil for new playground equipment.
- Replaced fencing damaged by tornado debris at the Dechairo Park dog park.

Krohn asked Council thoughts on putting cameras up at the park due to damage already happening to the improvements that had been done here recently. Councilmember Purvis moved to have Krohn install two cameras at the park to prevent vandalism to not exceed \$300. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

CEMETERY

- Mowed and trimmed.
- Sprayed weeds.
- Opened/closed cremation burial.
- Made repairs to cemetery gate opener and sent invoice to individuals who pushed through the gate after it had closed.

BUILDINGS

- Fleming Brothers Const. repaired damage to the shop roof causing water leaks to the inside of the shop.

Krohn brought up the damage to the City Shop. Says if a hard snow were come this winter it could cause a lot of problems. Without getting insurance money, need to make a decision on what the next step is for the shop. Council and Krohn talked and KCAMP is a possible insurance company that may be a possibility to check into. Krohn is going to look into them. The middle part of the City Shop needs torn off and redone. Councilmember Purvis moved to put out to bid the city shop repairs right away. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- Issued a building permit for an accessory use building addition at 606 S. Pine.
- Issued chicken permit for 403 W. Rock Creek Dr.
- Issued a demolition permit for a structure at 410 N. Walnut.
- Issued a demolition permit for a structure at 402 N. Walnut.

Clerks Report: Wren asked when the Council would like to complete the personnel handbook. Councilmembers asked that it be added to next month's agenda.

Streets- Councilmember Meininger had nothing to report.

Utilities- Councilmember Coleman had nothing to report.

Animal Control- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

Pool- Councilmembers brought up the Demo of what's left of the pool. Robert supplied the Council with a summary of what an engineer from Waters Edge Aquatic Design found with the remains of the pool. The Preliminary Budget worksheet budgeted a total of \$3,749,000 to build a new pool, using the existing remains. The council discussed if we go ahead and use the existing remains, do they guarantee it'll last as long as the new repairs being done. They can't promise that. Also, the City doesn't have enough money to build right away. The City is paying \$1,600 every 3 months to fence off what is left. Due to FEMA being up in the air yet, it could be two or three years before receiving the first check of many for the previous pool that was there, so maybe half the cost of a new one. The question the Council asked each other is, do we pay the \$1,600 every three months for 3-4 years OR do we demo and flatten the land so we can start fresh? It's also a liability, what if kids were to climb the fence, then what. Councilmember Purvis moved to allow Bayer Construction to demo what is left of the pool spending up to \$30,000. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Cemetery- Councilmember Purvis had nothing to report.

Parks- Councilmember Purvis had nothing to report.


Fire Department- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

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

Mayor- Mayor Mark had nothing to report.


There being no further business, Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jack declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.



Waide Purvis, Mayor as of 8/1/2024

ATTEST:



Julie Wren, City Clerk

