

Westmoreland City Council  
October 10, 2024, minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on October 10, 2024, at the Westmoreland Community Center for its monthly meeting.

**Governing Body members present:** Mayor Purvis, Councilmembers, Jim Smith, Ashley Rice, John Coleman and Jessi Kincaid.

**City Staff present:** Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn and City Treasurer Amanda Reese

**Members absent:** Councilmember Meininger, City Clerk Wren & City Attorney Summer Dierks.

**Others present:** SMH – Jeff Hancock, Tri-County Waste – Christie Hitch, PCSO – Chrystian Torres

**There being a quorum present, Mayor, Waide Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**

**Agenda:** Mayor asked that D.3 be deleted, moving D4, D5 & D6 up by one. And move E.1 to Future agenda items. Councilmember Coleman moved to approve the agenda with the amended items. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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

**Public comments on non-agenda items: N/A**

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

#### ***City Trash Bid Opening:***

Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn, opened the bid received from Tri-County Waste.

*The bids were as follows:*

**Tri-County Waste: \$21.50 a month per household**

After some brief discussion, Councilmember Rice moved to accept the bid from Tri-County Waste. Councilmember Coleman Seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

**SMH Consultants:** SMH looked at an RFP that was drafted for a design build, SMH sent an amended version back, it needs to have a map included. Mayor asked if it needed to be surveyed to which SMH answered, no it does not at this time for the RFP. The option to rehab the pool can be added to the RFP but he cautioned the city in doing that due to the unknown in rehab projects that inflates the estimate quite a bit. If the city does want to do a rehab project, Jeff did mention the city could set the contract up on a Cost-plus basis. Potential funding mentioned was the "Land & Water Conservation Fund" that's available but has closed for this year. the next cycle of applications is due by September 2025 and take 6-10 months to hear whether you were approved. Mayor said that after the last FEMA meeting, the idea of them covering the pool basin does not look promising. Jeff highly recommended reengaging "Waters Edge" and getting testing done at the pool property.

Councilmember Rice asked what the next steps were as far as the RFP goes. SMH suggested to shelf the RFP, reengage Waters Edge, figure out if the city wants to rehab the pool or build new and then move forward with the RFP.

**Approval of Dollar General CMB license:** Councilmember Smith motioned to approve CMB license. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Approval of Short Stop CMB license:** Councilmember Coleman motioned to approve the CMB license. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Approval of Westmoreland Hometown Market CMB license:** Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the CMB license. Councilmember Kincaid seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Old Business:** Councilmember Rice had spoken with Jeremy and wanted to know if the city is willing to designate money to go towards the pool. After some discussion, it was decided to bring back up after the November election.

**Ord 603:** After discussions with the City Attorney and Adams Brown the best route is to refund the check to the donor and close the "Funds of Donations" bank account. Councilmember Smith motioned to resend Ord 603 in effect after the refund has been issued. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Future agenda items:** Complete Personnel Handbook, schedule employee evaluations.

The council decided on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for the employee evaluations.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Reese informed the council that we do have some dept in the next two years that will be falling off. Reese asked if she could attend the KAPIO Conference in November. Councilmember Rice motioned to allow Reese to attend the KAPIO Conference and cover the costs of the conference, lodging and daily food per diem. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

**Maintenance Report:** Krohn let council know that we've had multiple complaints about some of the tornado properties that have not been kept up with. Councilmember Rice made a motion to allow Krohn to contact Summer to send letters to the tornado properties, informing them that they have until the first of the year to abide by city ordinances. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0  
Krohn asked if he could put the repairs for the Frank Memorial Shelter out to bid. Councilmember Kincaid made a motion to put a bid out for the repairs needed on the Frank Memorial Shelter due to tornado damage. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Krohn asked if we could enter a contract with Waters Edge. Councilmember Rice moved to allow Krohn to start the conversation with Waters Edge to help us with the pool replacement process. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Krohn listed some of the maintenance that the city needs to talk about as far as city buildings, equipment, storm drains etc.

**Clerks Report:** Clerk was absent

**Streets-** Councilmember Meininger was absent.

**Utilities-** Councilmember Coleman had nothing to report.

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

**Planning & Zoning-** Councilmember Smiths granddaughter, Allison Oshea would like to volunteer to be on the planning and zoning committee. Mayor Purvis appointed Allison Oshea to the planning and zoning committee. Councilmember Coleman made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. Councilmember Smith abstained. Motion passed 3-0

**Pool-** Councilmember Rice had nothing to report.

**Cemetery-** Councilmember Kincaid had nothing to report. Krohn informed the council that the couple responsible for damage done at the cemetery are having to be physically served papers because they have stopped responding.

**Parks-** Councilmember Kincaid had nothing to report. Krohn let everyone know that the disc golf course is back!

**Fire Department-** Councilmember Smith had nothing to report. Reese let the council know that we received reimbursement from the state for the fire radios. Overall, the City's out of pocket for the radios was \$17,641.

**Flint Hills Regional Council- Councilmember Meinger and Resident Michelle Campbell-** both were absent

**Mayor-** Mayor Purvis had nothing to report.


Councilmember Rice moved to enter executive session for non-elected personal. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4-0.

Councilmember Smith moved to exit executive session at 8:22pm. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4-0

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


Mayor Purvis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.  
Approved by the Governing Body on November 14, 2024.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Waide Purvis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Amanda Reese, City Treasurer