

Westmoreland City Council
October 26, 2023 minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on October 26, 2023 at the Community Center.

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

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

Others present: Resident, Michelle Campbell; Ann-Marie Kennedy, Italian Development project developer; and Casey Maransani, owner of Italian Development.

There being a quorum Mayor Jack called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Ann-Marie introduced herself, project developer with Italian Development and introduced owner of Italian Development, Casey Maransani. The company has built in the surrounding areas such as Wamego, Manhattan and currently Junction City. They were approached that housing was needed in the Westy Community.

Ann-Marie stressed her concern that she could see this town dying if this community isn't able to bring in new people and families. Being from Wamego (a smaller community) she doesn't want this to happen. While working in this town off and on, Italian Development wants to help it grow if possible. Their goal is to build middle class housing communities.

Casey said he was in the process of trying to sell the lots on Frontier St, but then seen an opportunity to help the town grow by building duplexes. The plans are to try to sell first once completed and if no luck then will rent out. With this tax credit they may be able to go down on price and the goal price to be is at \$200,000. Hoping to break ground in January 2024 and be available right before school starts, August 2024.

Ann-Marie stated she would like to see those who commute to Westy for work have an opportunity to buy these duplexes. She had gone around and spoken to those who work at the Health Department, Treasurers Office and presented at the Westmoreland Chamber meeting and received positive feedback of having middle class housing available in Westy.

The reason she asked to meet with the Council is due to the Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credit Application, they're needing from the Council a resolution demonstrating community support. The deadline for the application is November 15th. Mayor Jack asked that they give Wren a sample of what they need and can be completed and sent to our attorney. Councilmembers requested to have a follow up

meeting November 2nd to approve and have discussion if needed for the resolution for Italian Development at 6:00 PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Rice moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Purvis seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

Mayor Jack declared the meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.
Approved by the Governing Body on November 9th, 2023.

Signed: *W. S. J.*
Mark S. Jack, Mayor (ABSENT)

Waide Purvis, President of Council

ATTEST:

Signed: *Julie Wren*
Julie Wren, City Clerk

