

Westmoreland City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2024

The Westmoreland City Council met for a special meeting on May 2, 2024 at the City Hall at 4:15 PM.

The purpose of the special meeting to be held is to discuss billing for April water/utility usage and what to do for fees with Building and Demolition permits.

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

City Staff present: City Clerk; Julie Wren, City Treasurer; Mandi Reese, & City Maintenance Supervisor Robert Krohn,

Others present: Fire Chief; Kevin Umscheid

President of the Council Waide Purvis has been acting as point of contact during the initial hours of cleanup, while Mayor Jack has been attending to his County job responsibilities. There being a quorum present, President of the Council - Waide Purvis called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM.

Councilmember Purvis said he had heard that the city will not qualify for state or federal funding. With that said, he asked if there are suggestions for what we as the City can do for those affected by the tornado for their utility bills. After some discussion, the Council, agreed to reduce the April bills by half for everyone. The Council feels everyone in town was affected and have tried to help their neighbors. By reducing everyone's monthly bill, the city can show support for all residents. Councilmember Purvis moved to reduce the water bill by half for the April 2024 water usage. Councilmember Rice seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Purvis brought up the homes that are unlivable, he suggested there be a temporary hold on those accounts as of April 30. After discussion, the Council came to a agreement. Councilmember Purvis moved that for those affected, put a temporary hold on any unlivable addresses as of April 30, 2024. Councilmember Meininger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Rice asked about building and demolition permits and fees. Someone had come in asking about a building permit to replace a shed. After discussion, the Council agreed to waive the fees for only those affected by tornado, but they will still need to complete an application. Councilmember Meininger moved to waive the fees for demolition and building permits for those affected by the tornado but those residents will still need to complete paperwork. Councilmember Smith seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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

Purvis declared the special meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.
Approved by the Governing Body on June 13th, 2024.

Signed: _____
Waide Purvis, President

ATTEST:

Julie Wren, City Clerk

