

Westmoreland City Council
February 8, 2018 minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on February 8, 2018 for its regular monthly meeting at the Westmoreland Community Center.

Governing Body members present: Mayor, Mark Goodenow; Councilmembers Waide Purvis, Ashley Rice, Jim Smith and Mark Jack.

Governing Body member absent: Councilmember Jim Moore.

City Staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn; City Treasurer, Teri Varriale; City Attorney, John Watt; City Agent, Jeff Zimmerman and City Clerk, Vicki Zentner.

Others present: Citizens, Bill Prinz, Stewart Duncan and Ashley VanGilder; Janet Goodenow, Library Committee chairperson; Brian Rankin with Leiszler Oil and Laura Prater.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Goodenow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of agenda: There being no additions or deletions to the prepared agenda, Councilmember Purvis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Approval of minutes of January 11, 2018 meeting: Councilmember Purvis moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 council meeting as presented. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Approval of monthly bills: Councilmember Purvis moved to authorize the payment of the monthly bills as presented. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Public comments on non-agenda items: There were no public comments.

Discussion on cats-Stewart Duncan: Mr. Duncan addressed the council and stated that there was an issue in his neighborhood regarding free range of cats. He felt that it wasn't a big deal, but that one of his neighbors has made it one.

Mr. Duncan stated that after attempts to run the cats off, which didn't help the situation of them walking all over his vehicles and defecating in his yard and carport, he invested in a live trap and would trap the cats and transport them outside the city limits a few miles and then let them loose. He made sure that if the cats had a tag or collar, or if he knew they were a

neighbor's pet, to let them out of the trap and not transport them outside the city limits. He stated that he will continue to trap them and transport them out of the city.

Mayor Goodenow stated he felt this issue wasn't a problem the city could address, that it was more between neighbors.

Mr. Duncan informed the council that he just wanted the council to hear his side of the issue and thanked them for their time. He exited the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Request from Leiszler Oil (DBA Westy's Liquor Stop and Short Stop) for Sunday sales of cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor: Brian Rankin with Leiszler Oil stated that they were requesting the council to allow the selling of cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor in the city on Sundays.

Attorney Watt explained that there was a special statute for sales on Sundays which required an ordinance of the city to allow the sales and that after the passage of the ordinance, it would need to be published in the official city newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks and then would not go into effect until 60 days after the last publication to allow citizens time to state any objections.

Councilmember Purvis moved to allow the city attorney to draw up the ordinance allowing Sunday sales of cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor in the city. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Revisiting council representative to Flint Hills Regional Council Board: City Clerk Zentner informed the council that after a conversation with Mr. Gary Stith regarding the voting requirements of a city representative to the Flint Hills Regional Council Board, she wanted the council to know that the present representative was allowed to attend the meeting of the board, but could not vote on behalf of the city on any issues that came up for a vote. However, if a councilmember was informed of the pending vote and attended the meeting, then the councilmember could vote for the city on the issue.

No decision was made in regards to appointing a current councilmember to the board.

Review of RFP for rental and servicing of portable toilets: Councilmember Smith moved to let for bid for the rental and servicing of portable toilets in the city to Frankfort Porta Potty and Cat Cans. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Setting of special meeting regarding the upcoming pool season: The council set February 20, 2018 as a special meeting regarding the upcoming pool season.

Setting date of special meeting for goal setting: The council set March 15, 2018 as a special meeting for goal setting with the public invited to attend as well.

City Agent report: City Agent Jeff Zimmerman, informed the council that he had turned in two (2) properties for trash and debris to the city clerk.

Library discussion: Chairperson Janet Goodenow introduced Ashley VanGilder to the council and asked that she be appointed to the library committee. Mayor Goodenow appointed Mrs. VanGilder to the library committee.

Councilmember Jack moved to approve the appointment of Ashley VanGilder as a new member to the library committee. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Discussion on response from Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library Board regarding donated books: Councilmember Purvis stated that he wasn't going to go through the 20 or so boxes of books in his shop to see which 100 to put in the mini-library per the board's request.

Mayor Goodenow stated if the board didn't want to work with the city, why bother.

Councilmember Purvis said he would look at donating the books to the grade school and high school libraries and possibly the "Little Free Library" on Main Street. Councilmember Smith said he would contact the Olsburg Elementary school library as well.

Councilmember Jack stated it was upsetting to him that the donated books couldn't be used for the community at the mini-library.

Future agenda items: There were no future items to be added to future agendas.

Staff Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Smith to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance Supervisor Krohn reported the following:

Utilities

Jadwin Construction has finished all point repairs on the sewer main and is finishing final clean up of all repair sites

Visu-Sewer has installed all the liners throughout town. They have one (1) repair liner to install where the new liner had to be cut out to removed their camera that had gotten stuck in the line due to a defect in the liner. They also have one (1) lateral repair where the cutter cut into the liner while cutting out a liner.

When all done, seeding will still need to be done by the city per the agreement.

Krohn stated that a rebuilt 2008 sewer jetter was for sale at a price of \$45,000. If the council wished to purchase the jetter, it could be added to the project by change order to be paid for by the KDHE loan.

Councilmember Smith moved to purchase the sewer jetter with funds on the loan side of the project. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. After some discussion, Councilmember Smith amended his motion to purchasing the sewer jetter contingent upon the engineer assurance that the purchase is well within the funds available from the KDHE loan. Councilmember Jack seconded the amended motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays.

(The city clerk will contact the engineer and report back to the council via email).

Streets

Cleared snow off of streets and city sidewalks on January 14 and 22, 2018

Cemetery

Opened and closed one (1) grave

Buildings

Propane Central completed warranty work to the radiant heater at the shop due to it malfunctioning

Planning and Zoning

Issued one (1) building permit for an accessory use building at 507 Burkman

Equipment

Installed new tires on the skid loader due to the tires being wore down to the metal and popping

City Clerk: The City Clerk had nothing to report.

Councilmember's Reports:

Utilities: Councilmember Jack had nothing more to report

Animal Control: Councilmember Smith had nothing to report

Planning and Zoning: Councilmember Smith reminded the council there is a public hearing on a plat for lots on the land that Geraldine Fouts owns on Pine Street set for Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Pool: Councilmember Rice had nothing to report

Fire Department: Councilmember Jack had nothing to report

Cemetery: Councilmember Purvis had nothing to report

Parks: Councilmember Purvis had nothing to report. Maintenance Supervisor Krohn stated that the recreation committee had request that vents be installed at the ball diamond restrooms for ventilation.

Krohn also stated that he has Wi-Fi at the vault at the RV Park now and was wanting to know if the council was interested in expanding the Wi-Fi to guests at the RV Park. Mayor Goodenow state he would like to see this offered to the RV Park guests. Councilmember Jack asked that Krohn bring back the cost to the March council meeting for consideration by the council.

Mayor: Mayor Goodenow had nothing to report

City Attorney: City Attorney Watt had nothing to report

Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Mayor Goodenow declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved by the Governing Body on March 8, 2018.

Signed: _____

Mark A. Goodenow, Mayor

Attest:


Vicki B. Zentner
Vicki B. Zentner, City Clerk