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Request for Special City Council Meeting

Westmoreland, Kansas

Dated: May 10, 2018

To: Mark A. Goodenow
Mayor of Westmoreland

We, the undersigned, Council members of the City of Westmoreland, Kansas, hereby respectfully request you to call a Special Meeting of the Council for the object(s) and purpose(s) of:

Holding a budget work session for the 2019 city budget with
the city auditors

This meeting will take place at the Community Center on June 5, 2018
at 6:30pm

Signed: [Signature] Council member
Mark Jack

[Signature] Council member
Jim Moore

[Signature] Council member
Waide Purvis

[Signature] Council member
Ashley Rice

[Signature] Council member
Jim Smith

Westmoreland City Council Meeting
Work Session for proposed 2019 city budget
June 5, 2018

The Westmoreland City Council met on June 5, 2018 at the Westmoreland Community Center at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with the city's financial firm to discuss the proposed 2019 city budget.

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

Governing Body members absent: Councilmember Waide Purvis.

City Staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn; City Treasurer, Teri Varriale and City Clerk, Vicki Zentner.

Others present: Houston Pierce and Joni Hinz with VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt.

There being a quorum present Mayor Goodenow called the work session meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

City Clerk Zentner introduced Mr. Pierce and Ms. Hinz to the council.

Mayor Goodenow then turned the meeting over to Mr. Pierce and Ms. Hinz to discuss the proposed 2019 city budget as well as recommendations they may have for the council to better understand the individual line items of each fund.

Mr. Pierce inquired if the council wanted to raise the mil levy by one (1) mil as they had last year or keep it the same. He stated that one (1) mil would generate approximately \$3,915.00 to the city. Due to not having the appraised value figures from Pottawatomie County, Mr. Pierce stated that this was just an estimate and he would know more after June 15, 2018.

Other items that Mr. Pierce inquired about for the council to consider were:

- Replacement of the Community Center roof at a cost of approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 for 2018 or build into the 2019 budget-suggested to look at the current budget closer to the end of the year and if enough funds go ahead and do in 2018
- Establish a reserve fund for the sewer sustainability plan and the sewer improvement project

- To pay payroll taxes out of the fund associated with the payroll and leave Employee Benefits fund just for KPERS and insurance for qualified employees
- Breaking out each account fund with more detail to allow the council to see where the money is being spent each year

Mr. Pierce stated that he will draft two (2) proposed budgets for the council to consider one (1) with a mil increase and one (1) without.

Councilmember Moore stated that he was still concerned about the payment by the city to Rural Water District #4 for the indebtedness of installing the water lines to the city for supplying water. He stated that he would like to know if the city could pay off the balance due with a bond. He asked that Mr. Pierce try and gather this information for the council stating that he knew it could possibly be an added expense to the city but felt that some kind of clarification would be beneficial to the council.

Councilmember Moore said he was also concerned about the sewer project repayment of the KDHE loan. He stated that he did not want to raise rates again but was concerned about the cash flow. Mr. Pierce will also look into this concern and report back to the council.

There being no further discussion on the proposed 2019 city budget, Mr. Pierce and Ms. Hinz exited the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn the work session meeting. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Purvis being absent.

Mayor Goodenow declared the work session meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Approved by the Governing Body on June 14, 2018.



Vicki B. Zentner, City Clerk

Signed: 
Mark A. Goodenow, Mayor