

Westmoreland City Council
March 14, 2024 minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on March 14, 2024 March at the Westmoreland Community Center for its monthly meeting.

Mayor Jack, all City Staff, and all Council were present.

Others present: Residents- Michelle Campbell; Pool Manager- Ethan Karnes; Reporter of The Times- Cale Prater.

There being a quorum present, Mayor, Mark S. Jack called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda & Consent Items: Mayor Jack asked that Pool be added to New Business, Councilmember Rice moved to approve the consent items with the additions to the agenda. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Public comments on non-agenda items: No comments.

NEW BUSINESS-

Status on the Pool: Councilmembers and Mayor went to go look at the pool per Krohn's request. It's in a bad state right now. Councilmember Purvis's worries are 1- are we able to get bid and construction done before this season is to open? 2- Bids, are we able to pay for them? Should it be opened this season, be closed indefinitely, need to have some serious conversation regarding the repairs needing done.

Krohn said the winter was hard on the pool. The problems are the brick coping cracking and falling apart, plumbing underground, skimmer baskets split below the water line, paint loss off the steps when he began to power wash, and that is just what is visible.

Councilmember Purvis doesn't like the thought of putting money into something that is a money losing venture. He's not in favor for a new pool, maybe there's other avenues that can be discussed later.

Councilmember Purvis moved to close the pool this 2024 Season due to maintenance reasons and concerns of safety to the patrons and staff. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. It's not to close forever at this point, there will be further discussion to come.

Councilmember Purvis moved to donate a Community Center Rental for After Prom to take place of the Pool Party Pass that was donated. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS-

Repairs on the gazebo located at the pool: Put on the back burner for now. Expenses for materials for Krohn to make the repairs are \$750.00.

Policy for Bids and Policy for working from home for the Personnel Handbook: Councilmember Purvis would like to see a policy set in place to where a certain dollar amount is set and if it's over then put it out for bid. Councilmember Purvis motioned if a project for the city were estimated to exceed the amount of \$20,000.00 it would be placed out for bid. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Future agenda items: Status of Pool for the future, Working from Home Policy, Pool gazebo after status of pool is complete.

Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Reece told the Councilmembers the mail is a mess. Had asked Alex while doing the audit what his thoughts were on making payments online if available for invoices and he didn't see a problem with it. The Councilmembers agreed.

Reece asked if she could attend a one-day conference in Wichita on May 2nd. Councilmember Rice motioned to allow Reece to go to the conference and ok to stay the night before. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Maintenance Report:

UTILITIES

- Completed 3 work orders for water meter read in/turn on and/or read out/shut off.
- Completed 4 Kansas One Call locate tickets.
- Collected and sent monthly drinking water samples to KDHE. Sample results came back negative for coliform and/or E.coli.
- Assisted with putting together and remailing lead and copper questionnaires to properties who had not returned them the last two times they had been mailed out.
- Replaced the faulty camera system at the water vault used to monitor the gauges and warning lights off site.
- Assisted Pott. County Buildings and Grounds with lift station issues at the Justice Center.
- Repaired water service leak at 501 E. Armer.

STREETS

- Treated streets and city property sidewalks (2/16).
- Completed one application for installation of driveway culvert extension at 302 Rock Creek

- o State St. intersection culvert replacement
- o Bulk material storage at the shop
- o City Hall interior renovations
- o Shop 20' addition to work bays

Clerks Report: During the policy book special meeting, a laptop for the City Clerk to take home was discussed. Wren sent a request to Networks Plus for a duplicate laptop like Treasurer Reese has. Quote Summary for the hardware, monitoring & Management and Installation is \$1,863.00 after that there's a monthly expense of \$26.50 which will include proactive monitoring & Management and advanced endpoint security. Councilmember Purvis moved to allow Wren to order Laptop at the cost of \$1,863.00 and a monthly expense of \$26.50. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Amber Krohn/Kristen Krainbill asked if the Council would be willing to donate to the Trivia & Auction Night for the Rock Creek Diamond Club to help raise funds for the High School baseball team. Anything donated by anyone in the town of Westmoreland will be in a basket together. Councilmember Meininger moved to donate a Community Center Rental to the Diamond Club Westmoreland Basket. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

After attending the Westmoreland Chamber meeting, there will be city wide garage sales April 19th and 20th. Wren suggested having spring clean up date the weekend after garage sales. Councilmember Smith moved to have spring clean-up day for the city for whatever date the dumpsters are available. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Streets- Councilmember Meininger had nothing to report.

Utilities- Councilmember Coleman has nothing to report.

Animal Control- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

Pool- Councilmember Rice had nothing to report.

Cemetery- Councilmember Purvis had nothing to report.

Parks- Councilmember Purvis had nothing to report.

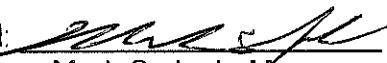
Fire Department- Councilmember Smith let Council and employees know there will be that Firefighters appreciation dinner March 20th.

Flint Hills Regional Council- Councilmember Meinger and Resident Michelle Campbell- FHRC will be meeting in Westmoreland at the Community Center at 9 am.

Mayor- Mayor Jack had nothing to report.

City Attorney- City Attorney was absent, however there is a court case March 19th.
There being no further business, Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Jack declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.
Approved by the Governing Body on April 11, 2024.

Signed: 
Mark S. Jack, Mayor

ATTEST



Julie Wren, City Clerk