

Westmoreland City Council
December 8, 2022 minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on December 8, 2022 at the Westmoreland Community Center for its monthly meeting.

Governing Body members present: Mayor, Mark S. Jack; Councilmembers, Waide Purvis, Ashley Rice, and Bruce Meininger.

Governing Body members absent: Councilmembers Jim Smith and John Coleman.

City Staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn; City Treasurer, Amanda "Mandi" Reese; and City Clerk, Julie Wren.

Others present: Michelle Campbell, Resident

There being a quorum present, Mayor Jack called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Agenda: Councilmember Purvis moved to approve the Amended Agenda. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed three (3) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Coleman and Smith being absent.

Consent Items: Councilmember Rice moved to approve the consent items. Councilmember Purvis seconded the motion. The motion passed three (3) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Coleman and Smith being absent.

Public comments on non-agenda items: There were no comments on non-agenda items from the public in attendance.

Approval for Westmoreland Hometown Market CMB license: Councilmember Purvis motioned to approve for the Cereal Malt Beverage license for Westmoreland Hometown Market. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed three (3) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Coleman and Smith being absent.

Approval of Ord. 593..."amending ord 579 vacating the alley at 306 & 308 Quail"- Due to there not being a quorum due to Councilmember Meininger having to abstain in vote, this will be revisited in January's meeting.

City Attorney Summer Dierks via phone @ 6:33 PM

Return check policy: Attorney Dierks stated during the months of December to March electricity cannot be shut off, since we do not have electricity, we are able to shut off water and stop trash service if a second check is returned, just need to reword on policy for that line.

City Attorney: Attorney Dierks advised Maintenance Supervisor Krohn to take care of the tree trimmings on 1st and Campbell. The safety of those who travel the road is important to us so it must be done. 406 E Campbell is now in compliant with moving the two inoperable vehicles therefore court has been dismissed. The resident has been told that this must not happen again and needs to stay in compliant.

City Attorney Summer Dierks left meeting by ending @ 6:45 PM

Councilmember representing Westmoreland for Flint Hills Regional Council: Resident Campbell let the Council know she questioned the FHRC as to why it must be that way and why a resident of a town elected from the Council couldn't represent. Their comment was "That's the way it's always been." They did say they're looking at the By Laws to see what they can do. City Treasurer asked Council since Councilmember Meininger will be representing the City do we pay him? Council Meininger said since meetings are available via Zoom he doesn't want to be paid but maybe for milage if he needs to travel. Due to there not being a quorum due to Councilmember Meininger having to abstain in vote, this will be revisited in January's meeting.

Future agenda items: Approval for Ord. 593, Councilmember Meininger with FHRC, City Pool items and 800 Hertz Radios for Fire Station.

Reports:

Treasurer: Amanda reached out to the state and was able to answer the council's sales tax question from the November 10, 2022, meeting.

Maintenance Report:

UTILITIES

- Collected monthly KDHE drinking water samples and sent them to KDHE.
- Collected 4th quarter lagoon samples and took them to Pace Analytical.
- Repaired water leak at 508 N. 1st due to a contractor pulling the meter setter off of the city service from the water main.
- Began working on the Kansas Lead Service Line Inventory. This is an electronic report required by KDHE to inventory the type of water mains and water services to include the city owned portion, customer owned portion, and plumbing type inside private residential/business structures. This report is due 11/6/24 and notification/questionnaire will be handed out to every property, after the first of the year, for assistance of documenting all of information needed on the property owners' side of the water meters.

- Sprayed weed at the lagoons.

STREETS

- Installed Christmas lights and banners on Main St.
- Removed leaves out of the immediate area of intersection culverts on Main St.

PARKS

- Installed Christmas lights at the RV Park and west entrance.
- Made repairs to water lines inside the RV Park bath house.
- Sprayed weeds.

CEMETERY

- Replaced and programmed replacement cemetery gate actuator motor.

POOL

- Removed leaves out of the pool.

BUILDINGS

- Installed Christmas lights at City Hall.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- Issued a building permit for a deck at 503 N. Walnut.

EQUIPMENT

- Discuss purchase of leaf vac for UTV/mower.
- Discuss purchase of gas-powered air compressor to replace current compressor attached to utility trailer that is near the end of use.

Krohn let the Council know that the Christmas lights on the words in RV Park will need to be replaced for next year. He also asked for the approval to purchase a leaf vac for UTV/mower (\$3,900), gas-powered air compressor to replace current compressor attached to utility trailer that is near the end of use (\$900) and rear axle air bag suspension on 2020 Silverado (\$1,600). Councilmember Purvis moved to allow Krohn to purchase the leaf vac for UTV/mower, gas-powered air compressor and rear axle air bag suspension on 2020 Silverado. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed three (3) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Coleman and Smith being absent.

Clerks Report: City Clerk Wren and City Treasurer Mandi helped with the Christmas Frenzy for the Christmas in Westmoreland. Wren asked if the office staff could get a budget to purchase Christmas décor after Christmas Day for the office. Councilmember Purvis motioned to allow to spend \$200 on Christmas Décor. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed three (3) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Coleman and Smith being absent.

*Streets-*Councilmember Meininger had nothing to report.

*Utilities-*Councilmember Coleman was absent.

*Animal Control-*Councilmember Smith was absent.

Planning & Zoning-Councilmember Smith was absent.

Pool- Councilmember Rice said to put pool onto future agenda items to start discussing in January.

Cemetery- Councilmember Purvis had nothing to report.

Parks- Councilmember Purvis had nothing to report.

Fire Department- Mayor Jack asked if Council could pay half for the jackets for the volunteer firefighters and for half of the appreciation dinner. Councilmember Purvis said there's enough in the budget so no motioned needed. Also, that 800 Hertz radios are going to be needed for the firefighters in the future, be something that's needing to be put in future agenda items.

Mayor- Mayor had nothing to report.

There being no further business, Councilmember Rice moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Purvis seconded the motion. The motion passed three (3) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Coleman and Smith being absent.

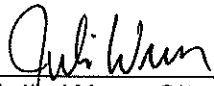
Mayor Jack declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Approved by the Governing Body on January 12, 2023.

Signed: _____

Mark S. Jack, Mayor

ATTEST



Julie Wren, City Clerk

