

Westmoreland City Council
February 12, 2026 Minutes

Governing Body members present: Councilmembers, Michelle Campbell, Ashley Rice, Jessi Kincaid, Meaghan Moore, Bruce Meininger; Mayor, Waide Purvis

City Staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn; Treasurer, Amy Reed

City Staff & Council Absent: City Clerk, Julie Wren; City Attorney, Summer Dierks

Others present: Citizens; Scott Schwinn, Mike Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Eileen Burenheide, Leslie Campbell, Enrique Garibay, Garibay Companies; Dale Rice, Pott. County Sheriff's Office; Robert Thomas, Thomas4KansasLiberty.com; Lily Hansen, Pott. Co. Times.

There being a quorum present, Council President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Mayor Purvis asked to amend the agenda to remove E.1. and F.3. He stated he wanted to move E.2. (Old Business) prior to the discussion of New Business.

Motion: Rice moved to approve the amended agenda. Meininger seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Consent Items: Motion: Rice motioned to approve the consent items, Moore seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Public comments on non-agenda items: Citizen: Leslie Campbell spoke about Safekids Coalition and some concerns they had in regard to the crosswalks on main street. She asked if the stripes could be painted again. Krohn explained they get painted once to twice a year and that he will be doing that again once the weather is better and/or no snow.

Citizen: Sandy Anderson asked about the local newspaper, Westy Official Weekly, being the official paper and posting the city council minutes. It was explained to her that there is a state statute that requires the circulation to reach all county residents and Westy Official Weekly does not.

NEW BUSINESS-

Waste Management and 14399 Flush Rd. – Discussion on Ordinance 338: Mayor Purvis stated that he'd like to give a temporary exemption to Ordinance 338 to 14399

Flush Rd. This would allow the resident to get his own trash service because of the dangers regarding the placement of the trash can at this location.

Motion: Meininger motioned to give a temporary exemption until the next trash service is decided, Rice seconded, motion passed 5-0.

Appointments: Appointments for 2026 were made by Mayor Purvis, as follows:

City Clerk – Julie Wren
City Treasurer – Amy Reed
City Attorney – Summer Dierks
Municipal Court Judge – Judge Joshua Douglass
Municipal Court Clerk – Julie Wren
Fire Chief – Kevin Umscheid
Zoning Administrator – Robert Krohn
Code Enforcement Officer – Robert Krohn
Official City Depositor – Farmers State Bank
Official City Newspaper – The Times
Official City Auditing Firm – Adams Brown

Motion: Rice moved to approve the appointments, Meininger seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Planning and Zoning Commission Members: Purvis asked Campbell to speak on this as she has been the one to have contacted possible members about sitting on this committee and the following accepted: Leslie Campbell, Tabitha Caudill, Angela Coleman, Nick Cooper and Tanya Purvis who will remain on the committee.

Motion: There was a motion to approve these appointments by Meininger, seconded by Kincaid, motion carried 5-0.

Opening bids for cleaning city buildings: There were no bids, so it was decided to put it out for bid again.

Motion: Campbell made a motion to put the cleaning out for bid again. Kincaid seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

Opening bids for Asphalt Patching Repair: Krohn opened three bids. They were as follows:

Hall Brothers, Inc. - \$85,260.00
Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc. - \$66,960.00
Shilling Construction Co., Inc. - \$95,436.00

Motion: Meininger made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Bettis Asphalt. Rice seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on pool items needing done before opening date: Rice said that we need to advertise for a Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards. Rice spoke with Tammy in Olsburg and she is willing to help train employees. She mentioned the handbook needs to be worked on and salary/wages need to be decided as well.

Motion: Rice motioned to advertise in the Times, the city website and Facebook for the Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguard 2026 pool positions. Kincaid seconded this, motion carried 5-0.

Abandoned property 205 Fulton: Krohn discussed that this was a dangerous and unsafe structure by ordinance. It was explained that if council agreed that the city would then have Summer draft a resolution, and once passed and advertised in the paper for two consecutive weeks then a hearing would be scheduled with the owner of the property to discuss how to move forward.

Motion: Meininger made a motion to start the process with this property, Moore seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS-

E.1. Sandy Anderson inquired about this property, her questions were answered.

Future Agenda: Ordinance 338

Reports:

Treasurer:

Reed discussed the council needing to approve or disapprove Krohn's PTO being paid out for 2026.

Motion: Campbell motioned to approve to allow for his pto to be paid out in 2026, Kincaid seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

Reed stated the \$80,000 CD is set to mature on March 15, 2026.

Motion: Campbell made a motion to cash out the \$80,000 CD on March 15, 2026, and deposit into the now account, Kincaid seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

Reed asked if the council wanted to approve Traveler's Workers Compensation Insurance as it's up for renewal.

Motion: Meininger motioned to renew Traveler's Workers Compensation, Rice seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Report: Krohn updated the council in regard to the pool and it having a crew change out. Therefore, the construction activity has slowed down a bit but everything is still on schedule. A second change order was done by Krohn for corrosion resistant doors to the pool house. New skid loader has been delivered, and Purple Wave has been contacted regarding the sale of old equipment. Mentioned needing to replace the excavator if all sales go well with Purple Wave.

Clerk's Report: See Treasurer's Report

Streets- Meininger had nothing new to report.

Utilities- Meaghan had nothing to report. But she did thank Bob for all his hard work on snow removal and such.

Planning & Zoning- Campell said she will need to get together with the new committee and look at the bi-laws for any changes. Then, they will send those to the council for approval next month.

Pool, Cemetery, Parks- Rice reported she had somebody reach out to her about the Realtor's Association regarding Realtors Helping Neighbors about possible ideas for them to help possibly replace or fix any city community wide items/equipment/buildings. This is volunteer run. Some examples were benches, tables, gazebo, etc. She will get more information.

Flint Hills Regional Council: Campbell stated that they now don't meet until every other month so there was nothing to report.

Mayor- Purvis stated that Summer had several upcoming court cases.

Attorney Dierks- Not present, nothing to report

There being no further business.

Motion: Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Rice seconded; motion carried 5-0.

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

Approved by the Governing Body on February 12, 2026.

Signed: W. Purvis
Waide Purvis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: Amy Reed
Amy Reed, Treasurer

