

Westmoreland City Council
September 12, 2024 minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on September 12, 2024 at the Westmoreland Community Center for its monthly meeting.

Governing Body members present: Mayor, Waide Purvis- Councilmembers, Jim Smith, John Coleman and Bruce Meininger.

City Staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn, City Treasurer Amanda Reese, City Clerk, Julie Wren and City Attorney Summer Dierks

Members absent: Councilmember: Ashley Rice

Others present: Residents- Meaghan Moore, Chelsie Eisenbarth, Michelle Campbell, Jeremiah VanGilder, Ashley VanGilder, Jessi Kincaid and Jeremy Lehning, Reporter of *The Times*; Cale Prater, All 3 Pools; Aaron King, and Mooneyham Co.; Austin Mooneyham.

There being a quorum and Mayor Waide Purvis, called the RNR Public Hearing to order at 6:30 PM.

There were no public comments regarding the exceeding of the revenue neutral rate.

Councilmember Smith moved to approve Resolution #05-24 Intention to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed three (3) ayes to zero (0) nays.

Councilmember Purvis took the Roll Call Vote as required by State HB 2239. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

James Smith- Yes

Bruce Meininger- Yes

John Coleman- Yes

The Roll Call Vote Form was attested by the City Clerk.

Next is the proposed 2025 city budget as prepared.

There being no further comments, questions or discussion, Councilmember Smith moved to adopt the 2025 proposed budget as presented. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed three (3) ayes to zero (0) nays.

There being a quorum present, Mayor, Waide Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda: Mayor Purvis asked to add – D.3- move to another meeting, D.5- VanGilder's vacating Utility Easement, D.6.- All Three Pools presentation. Councilmember Coleman moved to approve the amended agenda. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Consent Items: Councilmember Meininger moved to approve the consent items. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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

NEW BUSINESS-

Filling the vacancy seat of Councilmember: Councilmember Coleman moved to appoint Jessi Kincaid to fill the vacancy spot as councilmember. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Jessie Kincaid was sworn in by City Clerk Wren. Councilmember Smith appointed Jessi a cemetery and parks liaison. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Pool Committee to be recognized by the City: Mayor Purvis stated this committee would be formed the same as the planning and zoning board, it would be called and advisory board. There would be a total of five (5) members on this board. All residents within City Limits and staggard terms. Jeremy said they will discuss to see who will be on the Board and will be brought up again at the next meeting.

Jeremy Lehning- asking if City could do a match with fund request: Jeremy suggested that the City set aside a number to use for the future pool. With getting grants, there must be "ear marked" monies to proceed. Is there an amount that the City would be willing to set aside? Ear marked money does NOT mean you are going to spend it, it's the amount set aside for multiple reasons.

VanGilder- Vacating utility easement: Before rebuilding on the same property as their house used to set, they are asking if the City would be willing to vacate an unused utility easement so they can continue they're rebuild. Bob said currently as a City we do not have anything, and the next steps we will need Summer's help. Summer suggested to start the petition to vacate and then place a meeting and publish the notice.

All Three Pools Presentation: This company came to the Council and had a slide show presentation to show us the pool and pool shelter they can build for us.

OLD BUSINESS-

Completing Personnel Handbook: Discuss next month. This will give Jessi time to review our Handbook.

Revisit Ord 603- creating fund/account for donations given to the city: When tornado hit, the thought process was since the City can't accept donations, the thinking was to create the account in case donations were collected. Now that we have had time to slow down and relook into things, a line item is something that would have sufficed instead of creating a new account. The question now is whether the account is still needed and how do we give donation back since there is money in that account. These are questions that are going to be investigated and be discussed at the next meeting.

Future agenda items: Presenter discussing building codes and how it could help our town, Pool Committee to be recognized by the City, Complete Personnel Handbook, Revisit Ord. 603-creating fund/account for donations

Reports:

Treasurer: The conference Mandi is attending in November; she applied for a scholarship and received it. CONGRATULATIONS!

-Social Media, since we have it out there, she suggested we have social media policy set in place. She listened in on a webinar and felt this is something that needs to happen. Mandi has a meeting with FEMA on the 19th and says we are now in the nitty gritty.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance Supervisor Krohn reminded Council we must begin to replace items, before FEMA will reimburse us. He mentioned replacing the Disc Golf course and the aluminum bleachers at the T-ball Field. These are basically the only little items left that's needing done. Councilmember Smith moved allow Krohn purchase the items for Disc Golf and bleachers at the T-ball field. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Clerks Report: Clerk Wren shared a few dates that Chamber has some events going on. Fabulous Finds Hwy 99 & City-Wide Garage Sales- Sept. 20 & 21st, Witches Brigade for the ladies down Main Street- Oct 19th 4 to 6:00 pm, Shop Small November 15 & 16th. Vendors will be at Community Center November 16th 9 am to 5 pm. Dog tag letters: letters are usually sent out by now, but it has not happened at this point. Is this something still needing done this year? We have 108 right now and last year we had 131. Councilmember Meininger is ok with waiting to send letters out next year. Trash Bid Notices for the City: the ads to advertise this need to be done. Councilmember Smith moved to run the ads for upcoming trash bids. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Along with this conversation, since we as the City do the invoicing for our current trash provider, discussion is- should

we charge for this service? Councilmember Meininger moved to approve the bid form and trash contract with possible modifications made between Summer, Julie and Mandi. Councilmember Coleman seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Wednesday Office to be Closed: Wren asked if the office could continue to stay closed on Wednesdays to the Public for a little longer. The Council didn't see any issue with this happening. Councilmember Smith motioned the office to be closed on Wednesday until the end of the year. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Streets- Councilmember Meininger had nothing to report.

Utilities- Councilmember Coleman had nothing to report.

Animal Control- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report. Nominations for new members for Planning and Zoning are needed. There was one that resigned. Needing volunteers to sit on the Board.

Pool- Councilmember Smith was absent.

Cemetery- Councilmember Kincaid had nothing to report.

Parks- Councilmember Kincaid had nothing to report.

Fire Department- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

Flint Hills Regional Council- Councilmember Meinger and Resident Michelle Campbell- Nothing to report other than a meeting next week.

Mayor- Mayor Purvis had nothing to report.

Mayor Purvis moved to enter executive session at 8:45 PM for 15 minutes for non-elected personnel. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Councilmember Coleman moved to exit from the executive session at 9:00 PM. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

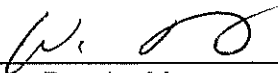
Mayor Purvis moved to enter executive session at 9:01 PM for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Councilmember Coleman moved to exit from the executive session at 9:00 PM. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

No Action Taken.

There being no further business, Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Purvis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.
Approved by the Governing Body on October 10, 2024.

Signed: 
Waide Purvis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: 
Julie Wren, City Clerk

