

Westmoreland City Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 2024

The Westmoreland City Council met for a special meeting on May 3, 2024 at the City Hall at 6:15 PM.

The purpose of the special meeting to be held is to debrief on the tornado damage and any updates.

*Governing Body members present:* Mayor; Mark Jack, Councilmembers Waide Purvis, Jim Smith, Ashley Rice, John Coleman, and Bruce Meininger.

*City Staff present:* City Clerk; Julie Wren, City Treasurer; Mandi Reese, & City Maintenance Supervisor Robert Krohn,

*Others present:* Fire Chief; Kevin Umscheid

President of the Council Waide Purvis has been acting as point of contact during the initial hours of cleanup, while Mayor Jack has been attending to his County job responsibilities. There being a quorum present Councilmember Council - Waide Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Mayor Mark informed the Council that due to the bad weather possibility this coming Monday, the County is shut down for the weekend. People can still put debris on the side of the road over the weekend and the County will continue to pick up for the next week. If possible, separating debris and brush from the day of tornado would help the County out. Volunteers are done with what they can do but homeowners are welcome to ask for help.

Councilmember Purvis and Treasurer Reese shared that the Flint Hills Breadbasket group came in and helped with the Community Center and explained how/what to do with all the donated items. Their idea is to be open for two weeks- 8 am to 4 pm weekends and weekdays 4 to 8 pm. Plans are to start packing up everything to distribute to other resource centers in the area on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The Breadbasket also had nothing but high praise for how things were already organized. Purvis also added that since the County is not working over the weekend, city employees shouldn't either. Jim motioned that City employees do not work over the weekend or do only what is necessary. Councilmember Meininger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Krohn informed the Council of the damage he had come across. There is structural damage at the City Shop, the red truck had damage from debris hitting it, water pits - parts are on their way so he can begin repairing them, and four sites at the RV Park need to be completely rebuilt. The goal is to have RV Park back open by Memorial Day, but not sure if it can happen. With the \$250,000 deductible for insurance, finding a grant is crucial.

Some donations that may be donated to the Caring Community Foundation, Pott. Co. Recycling donated \$5,000, Parker Hannifin possibly donated \$25,000, Blue Valley Telecom working on a donation, Bayer Construction and Larson Construction donated their time with helping clean up from damages after the tornado.

The pool needs to be added to future agenda items. The fence around the pool currently is for three months.

There being no further business, Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jack declared the special meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.  
Approved by the Governing Body on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Signed:   
Mark Jack, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Julie Wren, City Clerk

