

Westmoreland City Council
November 14, 2024, minutes

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

Governing Body members present: Mayor Purvis, Councilmembers, Jim Smith, Ashley Rice, John Coleman, Bruce Meininger and Jessi Kincaid.

City Staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn; City Treasurer Amanda Reese; City Clerk Wren & City Attorney Summer Dierks.

Councilmember Absent: Councilmember John Coleman

Others present: Residents- Amber Krohn, Windy Reeves, Jeremy Lehning, Jim Moore, Michelle Campbell, Brian Moore; PTSO- Dale Rice; Stifel Nicolaus & Co.- David Arteberry; Kutak Rock LLP- Tyler Ellsworth

There being a quorum present, Mayor, Waide Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Mayor asked that D2 be moved to D3 and D3 become D2. Adding D5- Trash collection negotiations. Councilmember Rice moved to approve the agenda with the amended items. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Consent Items: Mayor asked that Special Meeting Minutes for October 24th be taken out of consent items. Councilmember Meininger moved to approve the amended consent items. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Public comments on non-agenda items: Jim Moore suggested the City moving money into a Money Market account to make more interest. The council said they would look into it.

NEW BUSINESS-

Bids for Frank memorial Shelter improvements Bids:

Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn, opened the bid received from Tyler Reese.

The bids were as follows:

Tyler Reese: \$18,950

After some brief discussion, Councilmember Rice moved to accept the bid from Tyler Reese. Councilmember Smith Seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

Discussion of the next steps for 1.5% tax rate increase with David Arteberry and Tyler Ellsworth: Dave Arteberry, with Stifel Nicolaus, and Tyler Ellsworth, with Kutak Rock, provided an update on the pool financing. Mr. Ellsworth explained that Council would need to pass two Ordinances to levy the sales taxes approved in the election. He said he would prepare these for the December Council meeting. He also explained that the sales taxes would start April 1, 2025. Mr. Arteberry described the process for issuing temporary notes. He explained that Council would adopt a Resolution providing direction to solicit bids from local banks to purchase the notes. Mr. Ellsworth confirmed he would prepare the Resolution for the December Council meeting. Discussion followed about the extent of reimbursement from FEMA.

Alan Reeves- cemetery and planting trees: Alan was not present, but his daughters Windy and Amber were. They came to the Council asking if they were to purchase trees for the cemetery would the City be willing to pitch in. In the new addition C, there are currently no trees or landscape plans. Their hopes were to get 18 trees. Robert stated there are places for them to go if the Council would be willing to vacate the lots. After a brief discussion Councilmember Meininger motioned to approve of paying \$1,000 to go towards the purchase of the trees. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Councilmember Kincaid motioned to allow to vacate the appropriate lots in the cemetery for the trees to be planted. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Pool Discussion- Jeremy Lehning: Discussion was had between Jeremy and Council regarding RFPs. Discussion was also had between Jim Moore and Council regarding the insurance on the pool.

Trash Collection negotiations: After brief discussion amongst Council, Councilmember Ashley requested the bid amount stay at the \$21.50 she submitted, continue the billing and the City will not be held responsible to store or deliver totes.

Waters Edge Agreement for Westmoreland Aquatic planning: Waters Edge Aquatic Design agreement consists of two phases. Phase 1 is an existing conditions assessment of the existing pool basin. This phase will look at any possible undocumented damage that was done to the pool basin and underground equipment that could not be seen during FEMA inspections. Phase 2 is a preliminary design and design development. Using the existing RFP, Water Edge Aquatic Design will work with the city to prepare a concept, develop costs, provide drawings of recommended design that can be used to put out for bid. Having Waters Edge Aquatic Design under contract will allow the city to have an engineering firm on board that will be involved throughout the entire process of whatever decisions are made for the pool project and will be able

assist the city in overseeing the project to protect the cities investment until its completion. Councilmember Smith motioned to sign the agreement with Waters Edge. Councilmember Meininger seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Future agenda items: Complete Personnel Handbook, David Arteberry with Resolutions to present to the Council, Match Money for cemetery, park, pool items, etc.

Reports:

Treasurer: After brief discussion about ear marked monies. The City will be able to do a little amount this year, again next year, then budget for a bigger amount in 2026.

Maintenance Report: Krohn asked the Council if he could use Purple Wave to advertise the 2006 Chevy due to just sitting there. Councilmember Meininger motioned to use Purple Wave to advertise the 2006 Chevy. Councilmember Rice seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Clerks Report: Clerk had a donation request from the Rock Creek After Prom, at this time the City doesn't have anything to donate.

Streets- Councilmember Meininger had nothing to report.

Utilities- Councilmember Coleman was absent.

Animal Control- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning- Councilmember Smith said the P & Z met and had 2 Lot Splits and a Variance that passed.

Pool- Councilmember Rice had nothing to report.

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- Both had nothing to report other than the New Director leaving.

Mayor- Mayor Purvis had nothing to report.

Councilmember Rice moved to enter executive session at 7:59pm for non-elected personnel with City Clerk, City Maintenance Supervisor, Mayor and Councilmembers up to 20 minutes. Councilmember Kincaid seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4-0.

Councilmember Kincaid moved to exit executive session at 8:17pm. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4-0

There being no further business, Councilmember Kincaid moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Purvis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.
Approved by the Governing Body on December 12, 2024.

Signed: W. P.
Waide Purvis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: Julie Wren
Julie Wren, City Clerk

