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### Request for Special City Council Meeting

Westmoreland, Kansas

Dated: June 9, 2016

To: Mark A. Goodenow  
Mayor of Westmoreland

We, the undersigned, Council members of the City of Westmoreland, Kansas, hereby respectfully request you to call a Special Meeting of the Council for the object(s) and purpose(s) of:

To meet with Pott/Whb library board to discuss  
the library.

This meeting will take place at Community Center on June 13  
at 7pm

Signed: [Signature] Council member  
Mark Jack

[Signature] Council member  
Jim Moore

\_\_\_\_\_ Council member  
Waide Purvis

[Signature] Council member  
Jeff Rosell

[Signature] Council member  
Jim Smith

Westmoreland City Council  
Special Meeting  
June 13, 2016 Minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on June 13, 2016 at the Westmoreland Community Center for a special meeting with the Pottawatomie/Wabaunsee Regional Library director to discuss the future of the library in Westmoreland.

Governing Body members present: Mayor, Mark Goodenow; Councilmembers, Mark Jack, Jeff Rosell and Jim Moore.

Governing Body members absent: Councilmembers, Waide Purvis and Jim Smith.

City Staff present: City Attorney, John Watt and City Clerk, Vicki Zentner.

Others present: Pottawatomie/Wabaunsee Regional Library director, Judith Cremer; Pottawatomie/Wabaunsee Regional Library board member, Deb McClain-Williams; Residents, Janet Goodenow and Jenni Moore; Pottawatomie County Administrator, Robert Reece and Pottawatomie County Commissioner, Pat Weixelman.

There being a quorum present Mayor Goodenow called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Goodenow asked Ms. Cremer if there would be any differences in the future of what the library had to offer the residents of Westmoreland or would it stay the same.

Ms. Cremer asked what the city wanted.

Resident Janet Goodenow stated that she would like to see the library open more evenings and Saturdays.

Ms. Cremer stated that as a mini-library, Westmoreland's was open one day a week just as the other minis were.

Ms. McClain-Williams stated that Westmoreland had grown a lot since the Book Mobile stopped providing services to Westmoreland and the regional mini library system was implemented. One of the issues the library board was having was finding individuals to hire to work the hours that the library was open now.

Ms. Cremer stated that the present part-time librarian goes to other cities and staffs their library as well.

Councilmember Rosell stated that the city had done things to the city-owned library building recently and wanted to know what the difference between a main library and branch library was.

Ms. Cremer stated that in 1980 it was decided that the Book Mobile was no longer working and viable so they communities and library board got together to have a mini library in Westmoreland. She stated that looking at the numbers, she didn't see that it warranted for the Westmoreland library to be open more, however if they had more money for budgeting staff, then it could be open more.

Ms. McClain-Williams asked that since Westmoreland had outgrown the mini requirements, would the council want to be a branch library.

Councilmember Rosell stated he would like to see more hours and more staffing. He stated that the council was also informed that the library staff/board would not work with the school district's PAT (Parents As Teachers) in allowing the use of the library on the days it wasn't open.

Ms. Cremer stated that this wasn't true, that she had informed them that the library would work with them. She said she thought it was a good idea, as it would help "target" the age group the library wanted to serve, but the library board wouldn't approve it before the present school district superintendent left for another district.

County Commissioner Weixelman asked who actually owned the library building and was informed that the city owns, maintains and pays all utilities.

County Administrator Reece asked how many volunteers the library had. Ms. Cremer stated there were several but there needed to be a paid staff member in attendance to make sure the library was opened during the set hours. She also stated that there was lots of information staff needed to know, for instance, they needed to be computer savvy and know how to check in and out books.

Much discussion was held on wages of persons working at the library, benefit pay, etc.

Ms. Cremer stated that she would take the city's concerns and request to the library board budget meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>, but could not guarantee anything could be worked out then. She also stated that most of the requirements concerning the library were board policy.

Jenni Moore stated that since the policies were put in place 30 years ago, it might be time to revisit and revise them.

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

The council thanked Ms. Cremer and Ms. McClain-Williams for attending the meeting.

Mayor Goodenow declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Approved by the Governing Body on July 14, 2016.

Signed: Mark A. Goodenow  
Mark A. Goodenow, Mayor



Vicki B. Zentner  
Vicki B. Zentner, City Clerk