

Westmoreland City Council  
January 14, 2016 Minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on January 14, 2016 at the Westmoreland Community Center for its regular monthly meeting.

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

City staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn; City Treasurer, Lindsay Elliott; City Attorney, John Watt and City Clerk, Vicki Zentner.

Others present: Residents, Judy Walton, Dorothy Campbell, Mark Jack, Wendy Hudson and Tomi Siderewicz; Rural Water District #4 board members Tim Roggenkamp and Dan Hoobler and Matthew Cobb with the Wamego Smoke Signal.

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

*Additions/Deletions to the agenda:* City Clerk Zentner informed those present that Terry Force with *Force Land Surveying* would not be attending the meeting as scheduled.

There being no further additions or deletions to the prepared agenda, Councilmember Zimmerman moved to approve the amended agenda. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays.

*Approval of minutes:* Councilmember Smith moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 regular meeting and the special meetings of December 16 and 22, 2015 as presented. Councilmember Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays.

*Approval of monthly payables:* Councilmember Rosell moved to approval the payment of the monthly bills. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays.

*Public Comments:* There were no comments from the public in attendance on non-agenda items.

*New Business-appointment to fill vacant council seat due to resignation:* Mayor Goodenow stated he wished to appoint resident Mark Jack to fill the vacant council seat due to the resignation of former Councilmember Norbert Marek. Councilmember Moore asked Mr. Jack if he was considering running for council at the April, 2016 election. Mr. Jack stated he wasn't sure at this time.

Councilmember Rosell moved that the council consent to the appointment of Mark Jack to the city council to fill the vacant seat. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays.

*Swearing in of appointed council member:* City Clerk Zentner swore in Mark Jack to fill the vacancy on the city council.

*Discussion on water increase with board members of Rural Water District #4:* Dan Hoobler and Tim Roggenkamp addressed the council regarding the recent rate increase for water supply from Rural Water District #4 to the city.

Mr. Hoobler stated the rates were based on the projected budget with the help of their engineer, Louis Funk with Bartlett & West. He also stated that the rates went up across the board between all of their customers whether they were residential or wholesale users.

Councilmember Moore stated that he had asked that Mr. Hoover and Roggenkamp attend the council meeting due to the fact that he had been asked by a resident why Rural Water raises the cost of supplying water to the city every year and that he didn't have an answer himself. He also stated that he felt that the district's auditor should be the one that helps with the water district board setting the rates.

Mr. Hoobler stated that the district needed to do some repairs and tower painting and that they had re-financed their debt recently in order to receive a lower interest rate. He stated that they did not lower the payments they city pays them, but that instead of a 40 year pay off, the payoff the city pays would be reduced to 35 years.

Councilmember Moore stated that he had spoken with a representative with Rural Water District #3 about their rates of supplying water and they were not nearly the same as #4 charges. Mr. Roggenkamp stated that it was due to the amount of waste and chemicals that #4 uses compared to #3 just adding chlorine to their water.

Mr. Hoobler stated that they didn't anticipate any other raise in the near future. He stated that when they were looking at their budget, they were taking into account the amount of raise Westar was wanting and since they (Westar) didn't get the total amount they were asking for, Rural Water #4's expenses were not going to be nearly as much as they had budgeted for. When asked if they could go back and discount the rate to their customers, Mr. Hoobler said that they could not, unfortunately, because the budget had been set before the rate increase had been reduced.

Councilmember Moore stated that he and Maintenance Supervisor Krohn would try and set up a time to tour the plant and wells sometime soon.

Resident Tom Siderewicz stated that he felt the city had bent over backwards to help the district to supply water to the city. He stated that there had been an amendment to the original contract for more money due to the added cost of the lines. Now, the district wouldn't even give the city a better rate. Mr. Hoobler stated that everyone gets the same rate except for farmers and that the district wasn't trying to "hurt" anyone. Mr. Siderewicz stated that any time you hire an engineer they are going to tell you that you need to raise rates whether you do or not.

Councilmember Rosell stated that he knew Mr. Funk and he would call him and ask how he came up with the rates that are being charged.

(Judy Walton, Mr. Hoobler and Mr. Roggenkamp exited the meeting at 7:42 PM and 7:44 PM respectfully).

**Reports:**

*Treasurer's Report:* There being no questions regarding the treasurer's report, Councilmember Rosell moved to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

Treasurer Elliott asked permission from the council to attend the Spring Conference in Wichita on March 16, 17 and 18, 2016 at a cost of \$300.00 early bird registration and a hotel room for three (3) nights. Councilmember Moore moved to send Elliott to the Spring Conference paying for the registration cost and hotel room for three (3) nights. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

*Pool:* Elliott stated that she had received four (4) applications for lifeguarding at the pool this season with ten (10) applications still to be returned. She stated that of the ten (10) applications still to be returned, six (6) were for returning guards that had verbally stated they would return. She stated that should all of the previous lifeguards return, she would only need to hire three (3) to four (4) additional guards this season.

Elliott presented the council with three (3) styles of swimsuits for the girl lifeguards. After some discussion, it was decided that the girls would be given two options of swimsuits, one piece and a tankini.

*Maintenance:* Maintenance Supervisor Krohn reported the following:

**Utilities:**

- Cleaned the sewer main in the alley behind Westy Country Market due to roots
- Cleaned sewer main at 2nd & State due to roots
- Will repair a water leak in the morning behind the Lenauer building on Main

**Streets:**

- Cleaned snow off of streets/sidewalks and spread salt on December 28, 2015
- Took down Christmas lights/banners and installed all occasion banners
- Culvert at Walnut and Main is about ready to collapse-will need to replace soon
- Have spoken with county regarding repairs to Main Street-county will try to schedule with their projects in the area to keep cost down

**City Buildings:**

- Estimated cost to install ADA bathroom in the library with staff doing work is \$1500

**Parks:**

- Fabricated new RV Park campsite signs
- Fabricating more Christmas decorations

**Pool:**

- Pumped the water out and cleaned the leaves out of the deep end
- Estimated cost to replace badly rusted and deteriorating diving board stand is \$3500 to \$4000
- Estimated cost to touch up paint and repair the grout around the tiles by staff is \$2000
- Estimated cost to replace the deteriorating shade structure at the baby pool end by staff is \$1000

(Council requests that Krohn speaks to Blenn's Welding about fabricating a diving board stand out of stainless steel to stand up to the chlorine per Tom Siderewicz's suggestion.)

**Equipment:**

- Serviced and made repairs to the sewer jetter
- Replaced deck boards on mower trailer

**Miscellaneous:**

- Took delivery of the snow blade made by Blenn's Welding

Councilmember Rosell moved to authorize repairs to the pool by staff not to exceed \$10,000. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

Krohn stated that he had no cost estimate at this time regarding the restroom/shelter for City Park. He provided a rough drawing of the proposed building. Councilmember Rosell stated he would like to have city staff build the structure to keep cost down.

As for the restrooms at the ball diamond by the grade school, Krohn stated he felt the cost should be given by the engineer. Councilmember Moore stated he had not contacted Charlie Hall to provide a drawing and cost estimate, yet.

*City Clerk:* City Clerk Zentner asked for permission to destroy all non-essential paperwork from 2012. Councilmember Smith moved to allow the city clerk to destroy all non-essential paperwork from 2012 as requested. Councilmember Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

Councilmember Smith moved to approve the clerk's report as supplied. Councilmember Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

**Council Reports:**

*Streets:* Councilmember Moore stated that he would like to grind down and overlay Main Street from Walnut Street to Highway 99, but the block between 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets would be done if the county can work it into the bid for work they are doing in the area, but, he hadn't gotten a firm commitment from the county yet.

*Utilities:* Councilmember Rosell stated he had nothing more to report.

*Cemetery:* Councilmember Zimmerman stated he had nothing to report.

*Parks:* Councilmember Smith had nothing more to report.

*Mayor:* Mayor Goodenow stated he had nothing to report.

*City Attorney:* Attorney Watt reminded the council that they needed to find persons to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

There being no further business brought before the council, Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

Mayor Goodenow declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Approved by the Governing Body on February 11, 2016.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark A. Goodenow, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vicki B. Zentner, City Clerk