

Westmoreland City Council  
March 10, 2016 minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met for its monthly council meeting on March 10, 2016 at the Westmoreland Community Center.

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

Governing Body members absent: Councilmember Jim Moore.

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

Others present: Council candidates, JT VanGilder and Rick Wilcox; residents, Dorothy Campbell, Wendy Hudson and Amanda Bradford; reporter from the Wamego Smoke Signal, Erica Cobb.

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

*Additions/Deletions to agenda:* Councilmember Smith (as Fire Chief) requested a discussion on fire department equipment be added to the agenda.

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

*Minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting:* Councilmember Smith moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 regular council meeting as presented. Councilmember Rosell seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

*Monthly bills:* Councilmember Jack moved to approve the payment of the monthly bills. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

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

*Renewal of Hamilton's Animal Control contract:* Councilmember Rosell moved to approve the annual renewal of Hamilton's Animal Control contract with the city as presented. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

*Revised pool manual:* Councilmember Rosell moved to approve the revisions to the pool manual as presented at the February 10, 2016 council meeting. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

*Free dump day:* City Clerk Zentner asked the council in attendance if they wished to participate again this spring in the free dump day at the county landfill with residents calling city hall and giving a list of items they wished to be picked up. She informed the council that she had contacted Tri-County Waste; the city's contracted trash service, if they would be willing to help with the removal of the items from residents and they had indicated they would. She stated she would include the information in the next newsletter.

Councilmember Jack moved to participate in the free dump day on April 2, 2016. Councilmember Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

*Planning and Zoning commission members appointments:* Mayor Goodenow presented a list of residents willing to serve on the planning and zoning commission to be approved by the council. These residents are: Wendy Hudson, Mark Havenstein, Trudie Hoffman, Amanda Bradford and Wayne "Chick" Roberts.

Councilmember Rosell moved to approve the appointments of the above residents to the planning and zoning commission. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Mayor Goodenow appointed Councilmember Smith as the liaison from the council to the planning and zoning commission. Councilmember Jack moved to approve the appointment. Councilmember Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed three (3) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) abstention (Councilmember Smith) which made the passage of the motion four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

City Attorney Watt stated he would serve as the legal counsel for the planning and zoning commission.

*Joining the Flint Hills Regional Council:* Councilmember Rosell moved to join the Flint Hills Regional Council. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Mayor Goodenow appointed Councilmember Rosell as the city's representative to the Flint Hill Regional Council. Councilmember Zimmerman moved to accept Councilmember Rosell's appointment. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed three (3) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) abstention (Councilmember Rosell) which made the passage of the motion four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

*Renewal of Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) license to South 40 Café:* Councilmember Rosell moved to approve the renewal of the CMB license to South 40 Café. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

*Property on West State Street:* City Clerk informed the council that the property on West State Street was to be cleaned up over the weekend by the property owner due to the abandonment by the renters.

*Discussion on fire department equipment:* Councilmember Smith, as Fire Chief, informed the council that the air compressor that fills air bottles for fighting fires was no longer in working condition. He stated that it was obtained through the Forestry Grant program several years ago. Councilmember Smith stated he had contacted the administrator of the Forestry Grant program and was informed that an air compressor was no longer considered as a piece of equipment that would qualify for the grant. At the present time, Louisville Fire Department is filling the bottles. The cost of a used compressor was around \$10,000.

Councilmember Rosell asked if Louisville was willing to help the fire department with filling the air bottles. Councilmember Smith stated that they were until Westmoreland could obtain one of their own. Councilmember asked how often the bottles were filled and Councilmember Smith replied it depended on how often the air bottles were used. Councilmember Rosell stated he felt the fire department should make use of Louisville's help as long as they could before purchasing an air compressor.

Councilmember Smith then asked the council if they would purchase a free-standing work light for the fire department and city maintenance at a cost of \$900.00.

Maintenance Supervisor Krohn stated it would be nice to have this light when working on emergencies at night instead of using flashlights and vehicle headlights.

Councilmember Rosell requested that Councilmember Smith look around for a similar light that might be less in cost.

*First Responder vehicle:* Councilmember Smith stated that the fire department had not found a vehicle yet.

**Staff Reports: Treasurer's Report:** Councilmember Smith moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Councilmember Rosell seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

*Pool Manager:* Lindsay reported that everyone has been hired and staff orientation will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2016.

The pool flyer is being printed at Farmers State Bank and will be mailed after they are printed.

Due to her recent ear surgery, Lindsay may not be able to be certified, but will know more after her follow-up appointment. She asked if she could go ahead and order her suit along with the rest of the ones for the staff in order to save shipping costs. The council agreed to let Elliott order a suit with the rest of the order.

*Maintenance:* Maintenance Supervisor Krohn reported the following:

- Utilities: Mayer Specialty cleaned the sewer main at 1<sup>st</sup> and Cochrun due to the city's sewer jetter not able to flow up the line. They also cleaned the main below the courthouse that the city had problems with in the past while they were in town.
- Streets: Cleaned culverts on Main Street  
Placed asphalt millings in the alley across from the Justice Center and behind DD's Handi Korner
- City Buildings: Began the bathroom improvements at the library
- Parks: Placed ditch liner in the low water crossing at the ball diamond  
Valburg Electric finished wiring for the new score board at the ball diamond and tested it  
Placed topsoil in sewer settlement at the RV Park
- Cemetery: Placed rock in water holes in the roads throughout
- Pool: Removed/rebuilt existing shade structure due to rotted posts and the structure itself  
Installed drainage pipe and pump to remove water out of the north corner Of pool deck that does not drain due to the topography
- Equipment: The only mower that builds a snow plow for their mower is Grasshopper. The cost is \$9,000 after trade in value and not including the snow plow, and the front mowers just don't work for mowing in the cemetery. Kubota engineers have determined that our snow plow will fit the new model that would save \$900 of the overall cost. This cost was not known at the time we were pricing mowers. The price of the redesigned mower is \$7,600, which is after trade allowance of \$6,800.

Councilmember Rosell moved to purchase the Kubota mower at a price of \$7,600 after

trade-in. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Krohn also brought up a request from Councilmember Moore regarding an issue with parking on 1<sup>st</sup> Street near the corner of Main Street. It is not possible to have two (2) vehicles meet at this corner when there are vehicles parked on the west side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Councilmember Moore, along with City Hall, had received several complaints about this issue.

Councilmember Jack moved to erect a “No Parking” sign in front of the duplex at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Main Street. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

*City Clerk:* Zentner reported that she had contacted the copier company as was requested at the February meeting regarding paying the maintenance fees in advance. The company had replied that they do not have this option as it would be an accounting nightmare for them.

Zentner informed the council that at the goal setting meeting it was mentioned about the possibility of having a “Fan” page on the internet and she had mentioned this to the treasurer and has found out that there already is an active one and the treasurer has been posting city events, etc., to it.

Zentner also informed the council that she would be taking vacation in June.

### **Councilmember Reports:**

Streets-Due to the absence of Councilmember Moore, there was nothing to report.

Utilities-Councilmember Rosell had nothing more to report.

Cemetery-Councilmember Zimmerman had nothing to report. Councilmember Rosell stated that there had been more activity at the cemetery in the evenings and asked that Krohn contact the sheriff's department and ask for extra patrolling in the area. Krohn stated that he would put the security camera back up as well.

Parks-Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

Mayor-Mayor Goodenow had nothing to report.

City Attorney-Attorney Watt stated he had nothing to report.

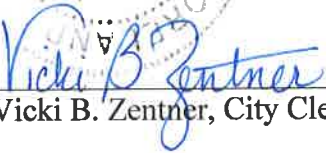
Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Mayor Goodenow declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Approved by the Governing Body on April 14, 2016.



Attest:

  
Vicki B. Zentner, City Clerk

Signed:   
Mark A. Goodenow, Mayor