

Westmoreland City Council  
August 11, 2016 meeting minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on August 11, 2016 for its regular monthly meeting.

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

Governing Body member absent: Councilmember Jim Moore.

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

Others present: Gary Stith & Austin Masters with Flint Hills Regional Council; Bret Henderson with Frontier Farm Credit; City Agent, Jeff Zimmerman and resident, Bill Prinz.

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

*Additions/Deletions to prepared agenda:* Councilmember Rosell asked for an executive session to be added to the agenda and that the acceptance of the resignation by the city treasurer be moved to the end of the meeting. Mayor Goodenow informed the council that Jonathan Small, bond counsel, would not be present and that a special meeting would need to be scheduled for the refinancing of several of the city bonds.

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

*Approval of July 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes and July 29, 2016 special meeting minutes:* Councilmember Rosell moved to approve the corrected minutes of the July 14, 2016 regular meeting and the July 29, 2016 special meeting. Councilmember Purvis seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

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

*Public Comments on non-agenda items:* There were no public comments forthcoming.

*Gary Stith and Austin Masters:* Mr. Stith and Mr. Masters informed the council that they were offering any help from the Flint Hills Regional Council for any grant writing, review of the city's Comprehensive Plan or any other items/projects the city might be looking to do in the near future. Mr. Stith stated that Flint Hills Regional Council had just finished with the comprehensive plan for the City of Council Grove and was now working on the City of Onaga's.

They are also looking at the impact of the reductions of personnel at Fort Riley on the surrounding communities for now and in the future.

Mayor Goodenow asked Mr. Stith what he would charge the city for looking at the existing comprehensive plan. Mr. Stith stated that he would have to see it first to see how involved it was before giving a cost estimate to the council. The city clerk will forward a copy of the comprehensive plan to Mr. Stith.

There being no other comments or questions, Mr. Stith and Mr. Masters exited the meeting at 7:15 PM.

*Scheduling of special meeting:* The council set August 18, 2016 as the date of the special meeting regarding the refinancing of certain general obligation bonds with Jonathan Small.

*Presentation to Fire Department:* Bret Henderson with Frontier Farm Credit presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 from a grant application the fire department had submitted, to be put towards the purchase of the breathing apparatus for the fire department

The council, and Chief Smith, thanked Mr. Henderson for the check. Mr. Henderson left the meeting at 7:19 PM.

*CMB license renewal:* Councilmember Rosell moved to approve the CMB license renewal for Westy Country Market. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

*City Agent:* Jeff Zimmerman, city agent, informed the council that all vehicles that were tarped are now taken care of. He stated that he spoke with the individuals and had given them some time to take care of the vehicles and they had. He also informed the council that two (2) residents were written up again regarding the condition of their properties. He stated that he will start writing residents up again if nothing had been taken care of. He did say that a neighbor of the two (2) residents had offered to help them get their properties cleaned up.

*Discussion on library:* Councilmember Jack reported that he, Councilmember Moore and Janet Goodenow had attended the library board meeting and expressed the wishes of the city for the Westmoreland library to be open more hours. The board had indicated that what it boiled down to was funds.

Councilmember Rosell moved to allow the Mayor to appoint a committee to work with the library board. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

*Concession stand building:* Councilmember Purvis stated that he was able to get monetary help with the purchase of the concession stand building from the Westy Recreation Commission and Rock Creek Jr/Sr High.

Maintenance Supervisor Krohn stated that it would take approximately \$8,000 for concrete to set the building on.

City Attorney Watt stated that the council should purchase the building in the next 90 days to be grandfathered in before the recommendation from the planning and zoning commission on not allowing these types of structures in the city limits.

*Future agenda items:* There were no items brought before the council at this time.

*Ordinance #551 (chickens):* After some brief discussion on the number of chickens/chicks to be allowed, Councilmember Rosell moved to approve Ordinance #551. Councilmember Purvis seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

**Staff Reports:**

*Maintenance:* Maintenance Supervisor Krohn reported the following:

Streets: Repaired a pothole at Highway 99 and Campbell Street  
Trimmed low hanging tree limbs on Main and along the sidewalks on Main  
The county will begin chip and sealing Campbell Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Pine and Redbud Streets the coming week-weather permitting

Utilities: Issues concerning low water pressure were addressed with SMH  
Consultants with solutions of a booster pump or plug in units suggested  
A well on private property had popped and fell in and the resident asked for assistance in fixing it-policy states the city cannot go on private property to assist with private issues.

City Buildings: Mowed and sprayed weeds

Parks: Mowed and sprayed weeds  
Trimmed tree limbs hanging low

Cemetery: Mowed and sprayed weeds

Pool: Mowed and sprayed weeds

*City Clerk:* Clerk Zentner reported that there was a pool deposit on QuickBooks but was not on the bank statement. After speaking with the auditor, it was suggested that the council give permission to void the deposit on QuickBooks since it was a small amount.

Councilmember Rosell moved to allow the city clerk to void the pool deposit in question from QuickBooks as recommended by the auditor. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

**Councilmember Reports:**

*Utilities:* Councilmember Rosell stated there was an issue with a water bill and his decision was to solve it and move on

*Animal Control:* Councilmember Smith stated he had nothing to report

*Planning/Zoning:* Councilmember Smith stated the commission was still looking at amending the zoning ordinance regarding allowing storage containers in the city limits. He stated that there was to be a public hearing in September and the commission would then bring their recommendation to the council in October

*Pool:* Councilmember Jack stated he had gone to the pool several times and spoke with the staff regarding the condition of the pool, etc. He said that a concern about the concrete walkway inside the concessions/office was slick. This issue will be addressed before next summer. The pool was closed a few days due to the weather and low attendance.

*Cemetery:* Councilmember Purvis stated that he, the city clerk and Cameron Krohn had attended a meeting, but no one from the committee showed up.

*Fire Department:* Councilmember Jack said he had nothing more to report.

*Parks:* Councilmember Purvis stated he had nothing more to report.

*Mayor:* Mayor Goodenow asked the council to consider giving him a pay raise since he had not received one since becoming Mayor.

Councilmember Smith moved to raise the Mayor's pay from \$100.00 a month to \$150.00 a month. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Councilmember Rosell moved to enter into executive session with the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Attorney and City Clerk in attendance for discussion of non-elected personnel and to protect their privacy for 20 minutes. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent. Mayor Goodenow declared the council in executive session at 7:50 PM and asked all others in attendance to exit the meeting.

Councilmember Rosell moved to exit from the executive session. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

Mayor Goodenow declared the regular meeting in session at 8:10 PM.

There was no action taken as a result of the executive session.

Councilmember Rosell moved to accept the resignation of the city treasurer effective immediately. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with Councilmember Moore being absent.

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Jack moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Smith 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 8:12 PM.

Approved by the Governing Body on September 8, 2016.



Attest:

  
Vicki B. Zentner, City Clerk

Signed:   
Mark A. Goodenow, Mayor