

Westmoreland City Council
December 12, 2024, minutes

The Westmoreland City Council met on December 12, 2024, at the Westmoreland Community Center for its monthly meeting.

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

City Staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn; City Treasurer Amy Reed; City Clerk Wren & City Attorney Summer Dierks via Zoom.

Councilmember Absent: Mayor Waide Purvis and Councilmember John Coleman

Others present: Resident- Jim Moore; State Senate- Kenny Titus; Stifel Nicolaus & Co.- David Arteberry; Kutak Rock LLP- Tyler Ellsworth via Zoom

There being a quorum present, **President of Council, Ashley Rice called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.**

Agenda: Councilmember Kincaid moved to approve the agenda with the amended items. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Consent Items: Councilmember Rice asked that Treasurer's Report be taken off Consent Items due to City Treasurer change, it did not get completed. 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 voiced his concerns about the City's insurance to be sure it is something that will be addressed. Council President reassured Mr. Moore that it will be discussed in January due to April 1st is when the current insurance is up.

NEW BUSINESS-

Kenny Titus- Senator for Pottawatomie County:

Kenny introduced himself to the Council and let us know he's available if we need anything.

OLD BUSINESS-

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 ordinances and resolution. The passing of the two ordinances will officially authorize the sales tax. Once adopted it will be published in the newspaper then forwarded to the Kansas Dept. of Revenue before January 1st. Councilmember Meininger moved to pass Ordinance 606 for the .5% sales tax rate. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Councilmember Smith moved to pass Ordinance 607 for the 1% sales tax rate. Councilmember Kincaid seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Go to market Resolution 06-24- authorizes the sell of the temporary notes. This will begin the process. Dave Arteberry recommends selling these notes once we begin the project. Councilmember Smith moved to pass Resolution 06-24 authorizing the sale of temporary notes. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Match Money for cemetery, park, pool items, etc.: Ear mark \$50,000 for match money would cover things between now and then and wouldn't bring us close to the Budget Authority per Council President Rice. After discussion, Council President Rice motioned ear mark \$50,000 for the pool park fund that's created. Councilmember Kincaid seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Future agenda items: Street repair, Insurance, Match Money for cemetery, park, pool items, etc.

Reports:

Treasurer: Council President Rice introduced newly hired Amy Reed the City Treasurer.

Maintenance Report: A lot of building and demo permits. Something that's going to need to be looked into is road repair where the bigger trucks are going in and out of- within the tornado worksite areas.

Clerk's Report: Clerk suggested the Council remove Amanda Reese from any signature duties and bank accounts and replace Amy Reed as authorized signer. Councilmember Kincaid motioned to remove Amanda Reese from all bank accounts as a signer at Farmers State Bank and add Amy Reed as signer on all accounts. Councilmember Meininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The clerk asked for approval to begin documentation destruction starting January 2, 2025. Councilmember Rice moved to begin documentation destruction January 2, 2025. Councilmember Kincaid seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Rita with Westmoreland Chamber gave a letter to Clerk Wren regarding Shop Small. Rita shared there were seven vendors set up at the Community Building. Over the two days 942 tickets were entered into a drawing for Chamber Bucks. Each ticket

represented \$10 spent at seven participating businesses in town and 7 participating vendors at the Community Building. She thanked all who helped make the shop small successful.

Streets- Councilmember Meininger had nothing to report.

Utilities- Councilmember Coleman was absent.

Animal Control- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report.

Pool- Councilmember Rice had nothing to report.

Cemetery- Councilmember Kincaid said trees are planted.

Parks- Councilmember Kincaid had nothing to report.

Fire Department- Councilmember Smith had nothing to report

Flint Hills Regional Council- Councilmember Meininger and Resident Michelle Campbell- Meininger had nothing to report.

Mayor- Mayor Purvis was absent.

Attorney Dierks- Dismissed one prosecution case. Trash agreement signed as of this afternoon. Now to get Mayor signature with the rate of \$21.50 for trash service.

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

Council President Rice declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.
Approved by the Governing Body on January 9, 2025.

Signed: 
Waide Purvis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: 
Julie Wren, City Clerk

