

Westmoreland City Council
May 8, 2025 Minutes

Governing Body members present: Mayor, Waide Purvis; Councilmembers, Jim Smith, Ashley Rice, Bruce Meininger and Jessi Kincaid.

City Staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn; City Treasurer, Amy Reed; and City Clerk, Julie Wren.

City Staff Absent: Councilmember; John Coleman and City Attorney; Summer Dierks.

Others present: Residents; Michelle Campbell and Jessica Jack, The Times; Lily Hansen, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company; David Arteberry.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Purvis asked that D.2. be - Brandy Sutherland Safe Streets and move David Arteberry with Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. to D-4.

Motion: Meininger moved to approve the amended agenda. Rice seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Consent Items: Motion: Meininger moved to approve the consent items. Rice seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Public comments on non-agenda items: None.

NEW BUSINESS-

Open Asphalt Patching Bids: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn, opened the bids received from Bettis Asphalt and Shilling Construction.

The bids were as follows:

Bettas: \$54,119

Shilling: \$43,400

Motion: Meininger moved to award the bid to Shilling Construction. Rice seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Brandy Sutherland- Safe Streets: Sutherland proposed applying for a grant meant to increase accessibility, mobility and safety in the community by adding sidewalks, trails and/or bus routes. After further discussion the Council did not make a decision but will follow up within at a later date.

Approval of Emergency/Disaster Response Policy for the City: Wren informed the Council of changes made while meeting with Jennifer Merrow, Pottawatomie County Emergency Management Director. Miss Dierks reviewed the Policy and had a couple suggestions which will be made. Discussion on Public Information Officer (PIO) was had and questions needing to be answered. Wren will get with Jennifer and get the answers needed.

David Arteberry with Stifel, Nicolaus & Co.: No action required today. Mr. Arteberry presented the Council a timeline of events that will need to take place with the Pool Project beginning. In the next coming weeks, the council will need to authorize the distribution of bid requests, award to a bank, then authorization note may be issued. The schedule is flexible, allowing for any changes that may pop up in the future.

Future agenda items: Approval of Emergency/Disaster Response Policy,

Reports:

Treasurer: Reed had nothing to report.

Maintenance Report: After looking at Street Budget, Council and Krohn discussed more of the street budget to go towards patching project.

Motion: Meininger moved to raise the allocated amount for patching to \$80,000. Smith seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Purvis asked Krohn to get an estimate on tires for the 2001 Chevy Dump Truck.

Krohn stated he's wanting to locate property corners on several property lines on city properties, starting with the fire station. He would like SMH to come do the locates.

Motion: Rice moved to have SMH come reestablish the property lines at the Fire station. Kincaid seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Clerk's Report: Wren had nothing to report.

Streets- Meininger had nothing to report

Utilities- Coleman absent.

Animal Control- Smith had nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning- Smith had nothing to report.

Pool- Rice had nothing to report.

Cemetery- Kincaid had nothing to report.

Parks- In order to use the City Park for an event, there needs to be paperwork filled out just like using the Community center and other places.

Motion: Councilmember Rice moved to amend the Community Center and Park Rental Agreement to include City Park. Kincaid seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Fire Department- Smith had nothing to report.

Flint Hills Regional Council- Meininger reported that there's a possibility for when he cannot attend a meeting, and we want Michelle to represent the City, a letter will need to be sent. FHRC will be looking at the bylaws to better understand this portion.

Mayor- Nothing to report

Attorney Dierks- Dierks was absent.

There being no further business.

Motion: Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Kincaid seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Purvis declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Approved by the Governing Body on June 12, 2025.

Signed: _____

Waide Purvis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: _____

Julie Wren, City Clerk

