

Westmoreland City Council
January 8, 2026 Minutes

Governing Body members present: Councilmembers, Jim Smith, Michelle Campbell, and Jessi Kincaid, Meaghan Moore, Bruce Meininger; Mayor(s), Ashley Rice & Waide Purvis

City Staff present: Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Krohn; City Clerk, Julie Wren; City Treasurer, Amy Reed; City Attorney: Summer Dierks

City Staff & Council Absent:

Others present: Citizens; Scott Schwinn, Jessica Jack; Westy Fire, Kevin Umscheid

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

Agenda: Mayor Rice asked to amend the agenda to include D8 – Ordinance 628 – salary for the new judge

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

Consent Items: Motion: Campbell motioned to approve the consent items, Meininger seconded; motion carried 5-0. Campbell then moved to amend the December 11, 2025 minutes as they were incorrect when it stated all motions were approved at 3-0 as it should have been 4-0. Meininger seconded; motion carried 4-0

Oath of Office: New members were sworn in as follows:

Waide Purvis – Mayor

Meaghan Moore – Councilmember

Ashley Rice - Councilmember

Public comments on non-agenda items: Citizen: Scott Schwinn stated it was the second week where his trash was not picked up and stated it was not safe where Waste Management wants him to leave his trash can and where WM returns it. He also stated the trash service ordinance was adopted July 1, 1971 and is requesting it gets reviewed and possibly changed so the citizens can opt out of using the city trash but proof of acquiring their own trash service. It was asked for us to review the old ordinance and place this on a future agenda.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THANKED JIM SMITH FOR ALL HIS TIME AND SERVICE ON THE COUNCIL!

NEW BUSINESS-

Filling the vacancy of seat of Councilmember: Purvis recommended filling the vacant seat with Michelle Campbell, Rice moved to approve the vacancy with Michelle Campbell, Kincaid seconded, motion passed 4-0. Campbell was then sworn into the position.

Electing the New President of the Council and assigning liaisons: Mayor appointed Ashley Rice as the President of the council. Meininger made a motion to appoint Rice as the council President, Kincaid seconded, motion passed 5-0

The Mayor and Council discussed and appointed liaisons as follows:

Streets: Bruce Meininger

Utilities: Meaghan Moore

Planning & Zoning: Michelle Campbell

Pool, Parks & Cemetery: Ashley Rice & Jessi Kincaid

Flint Hills Regional Council: Michelle Campbell

There was a motion to approve these appointments by Campbell, seconded by Rice, motion carried 5-0

Renewing contract with KCAMP: Rice made a motion to renew, seconded by Kincaid, motion carried 5-0

Passage of Resolution #01-26: This is regarding the GAAP Waiver and it's passing. Rice made a motion to approve, Kincaid seconded, motion passed 5-0

Discussion on bid advertisement for cleaning of certain city buildings: Bob has been cleaning these buildings because the cleaning contract did not get renewed a year ago. However, it's becoming way to much for Bob to do between all the buildings, rv park bathrooms, etc. He has a bid advertisement ready to go to put it out to bid. Bob is suggesting we bid for a monthly rate and no more than three times a week. This would also add the Fire Station cleaning too. Meininger motioned to put a bid out, Kincaid seconded, motion approved 5-0

Bid Opening for Compact Track Loader: It was budgeted in 2026 to update some of our equipment. Next year this budgeted amount will go down significantly. This year's budget was approved for \$200,000. We will sell used equipment to Purple Wave once we purchase the new equipment. Today's bid openings were for a Skid Loader (rubber tracks) with a 96" snow pusher and 96" snow material bucket and the only bid on this was from KanEquip at \$103,932.32. Meininger motioned to approve this bid, Rice seconded, motion carried, 5-0

The next bid opened was for a Dump Truck from Laird Ford out of Topeka with a dump bed and snow plow and it was for \$83,900.00. Campbell motioned to approve this bid, Kincaid seconded, motion approved 5-0

Bob projected he would get about \$100,000 from the sale of the used equipment once it gets sold, after purchasing the new equipment

Ordinance 628, Establishing a salary for a municipal judge for the City of Westmoreland, KS: City Attorney, Summer Dierks reminded the council that last month we voted on hiring Josh Douglas as the new municipal judge. It was discussed to offer \$500 per court appearance, not to exceed 2 court appearances a month. This can all be revisited in 6 months.

Motion: Rice motioned to adopt Ordinance 628, Moore seconded, motion passed 5-0

OLD BUSINESS-

Rita Newell – Chamber Billboard: Campbell explained to new council members that the Chamber came to the council to ask for the city to pay for a 1/3 of the cost of the maintenance and insurance on the billboard. This would be \$300 from the city.

Motion: Meininger motioned to approve to give the chamber \$300 for the maintenance and insurance for 2026. Moore seconded the motion, 2 abstained from voting, motion carried 3-0

Future Agenda: Ordinance 338 , the future of the vacant city property and discussion on pool items needing to be done and hiring before opening date.

Reports:

Treasurer: Reed had nothing to report

Maintenance Report: Krohn discussed putting out bids for street repairs for this year, on S. Walnut (between Skene/W. State) for a 2" overlay, Skene (between N. Walnut/dead end) 2" overlay and 201 Main (Community Center parking area), also a 2" overlay. Also bids for patching at N. Walnut (between North/West Campbell) and 314 E. Main Street. He suggests getting all patch work done before doing overlay on all streets. Bob also reported that he would like to purchase a dump trailer, which would be no more than \$15,000.

Motion: Kincaid moved to approve to put bid out for repairs and, Meininger seconded, motion carried 5-0

Motion: Campbell motioned to approve the dump trailer purchase for not more than \$15,000, Kincaid seconded, motion carried 5-0

Bob also discussed having some issues with the current Planning and Zoning committee and some of it's members. At the last Planning and Zoning meeting, some members refused to discuss the subject. He suggested that the council appoints 5 new members next month. He reported that the Chairperson was trying to discuss matters and again there was refusal from the present committee members. It was reiterated that the Planning and Zoning committees' purpose is to make recommendations to the Council but ultimately the Council makes all final approval. Summer Dierks is going to get more information regarding the Planning & Zoning committee's roles and such and report back.

Campbell thanked Bob for getting pool drone pictures and information reported and Julie for keeping the public updated too.

Clerk's Report: Wren suggested we keep Ashley on our now account as a signer, add Purvis and remove Smith

Motion: Kincaid motioned to remove Jim from the now account and add Waide, Meininger seconded the motion, motion approved 5-0

Wren also discussed that the city needs to renew the Flint Hills Regional Council membership for \$666.00

Motion: Meininger motioned to approve the annual membership of \$666.00, Campbell seconded, motion approved 5-0

Streets- Meininger reported that the west end of the triangle property owned by the city needs rock in the ditch for rain/water flow. It is estimated to be about \$5000.00 for the rock.

Motion: Meininger motioned to purchase rock for the triangle property not to exceed \$5500.00, Rice seconded, motion passed 5-0

Utilities- Meaghan had nothing to report. It was explained to her about how and what she needs to report.

Planning & Zoning- Nothing to report.

Pool- it was reported that we are ahead on the project, slab for the deck work will be poured this week, Kansas Gas & Blue Valley services are being installed, etc.

Cemetery- Kincaid had nothing to report.

Parks- Kincaid had nothing to report.

Fire Department- The Fire Chief spoke about not needing a liaison and if he needs anything he will reach out to the council to get put on the agenda. He reported that personal guidelines have been set, radios are all paid for and working well, will need to order some gear in the next couple of months. He stated their meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, every month, and Council is always welcome. He also thanked Bob for all that he does down at the station too.

Flint Hills Regional Council- Campbell reported that they had their retreat.

Mayor- Purvis brought up the vacant city property, which isn't ADA compliant (which it was discussed making it ADA compliant was around \$500,000.00) so it can't be called a park, needs to be discussed further on whether we are still wanting to keep and maintain and try to find a use for, or do we want to revisit getting rid of it? Meininger brought up that it continues to keep costing the city money for maintenance/upkeep. Campbell suggested, and it was agreed upon, that we would put this discussion on the future agenda.

Attorney Dierks- Dierks reported that a new municipal judge has been hired and that she will be sending out 14 violation letters and possibly using the Community Center for these court cases.

Executive Session: Councilmember Rice moved to enter executive session at 8:03 PM for no more than twenty (20) minutes with the Councilmembers, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk and Utility Maintenance Supervisor in attendance for consultation with an attorney on personnel matters of non-elected personnel and to protect their privacy. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

Councilmember Meininger moved to exit the executive session at 8:22 PM. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed fives (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

Action was taken; Campbell made a motion that the 3 city employees receive a 4% wage increase for 2026, Meininger seconded, motion carried, 5-0.

There being no further business.

Motion: Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Meininger seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Purvis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.
Approved by the Governing Body on January 8, 2026.

Signed: W. Purvis
Waide Purvis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: Amy Reed
Amy Reed, Treasurer

