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Request for Special City Council Meeting

Westmoreland, Kansas

Dated: *May 3, 2020*

To: Mark A. Goodenow
Mayor of Westmoreland

We, the undersigned, Council members of the City of Westmoreland, Kansas, hereby respectfully request you to call a Special Meeting of the Council for the object(s) and purpose(s) of:

Discussing Mayor's decision to close pool for the 2020 season;
Rec Commission wanting to still have summer ball program
games for abbreviated 2020 season

This meeting will take place at *City Hall* on *May 3, 2020*
at *1:00pm*

Signed: *[Signature]* Council member
Mark Jack

[Signature] Council member
Waide Purvis

[Signature] Council member
Ashley Rice

[Signature] Council member
Jeff Rosell

[Signature] Council member
Jim Smith

Westmoreland City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2020

The Westmoreland City Council met for a special meeting for the purpose of:

Discussing Mayor's decision to close the pool for the 2020 season; Rec Commission wanting to still have summer ball program games for abbreviated 2020 season.

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

City Staff present: City Clerk, Vicki Zentner.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Goodenow called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM at City Hall.

Discussion on the Mayor's decision to close the pool for the 2020 season:

Councilmember Purvis stated that he felt the Mayor had "jumped the gun" on closing the city pool for 2020 pool season. He said Governor Kelly had indicated in her phases for reopening the State that pool could be open as early as May 18th. He said he would prefer to wait until May 18th to make a decision on opening of the pool as part of the Phase 2 guidelines from the Governor and the recommendation of the Pottawatomie County Health Department.

Mayor Goodenow stated the reasons that he made the decision to close the pool as given to him by Section 2 of Resolution #01-20 passed by the council on April 2, 2020, were the requirement of all persons attending the pool needed to stay 6' apart, extra staff would need to sanitize the pool handrails, deck, equipment, lounge chairs, restrooms, hallways, etc. Also, he felt that if the city closed the pool now, it would give the lifeguards the opportunity to look for other employment (should they wish).

He also felt that if other area pools closed, that the city might see an influx of patrons to the city pool and with all the restrictions regarding social distancing and numbers of mass gatherings, he felt that the city would not be able to accommodate everyone.

Councilmember Rosell stated that opening of the pool would also be a concern on the city's budget, and perhaps waiting to make a decision until the Phase 2 came into effect would be best at this time.

City Clerk Zentner informed the council of the guidelines from the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) regarding the cleaning/disinfecting of the pool

areas as well as lifeguards needing to wear protective masks, "policing" of the 6' distancing, taking temperatures of all persons entering the pool as well as keeping a list of all persons at the pool and the time they entered and left, which would serve as a "tracking" of contacts should someone come down with the COVID-19 virus.

She stated that the number of individuals at the pool for the mass gathering requirements would also include the staff at the pool.

Councilmember Purvis said he would still like to wait and have a letter sent to the pool staff applicants knowing what the city is considering and let them know that if they opt to find another job, they should let the pool manager and city clerk know that they wish to withdraw their application.

After some more discussion, the council instructed the city clerk to gather more information regarding guidelines from the CDC and Pottawatomie County Health Department to bring to the May 14th council meeting.

Councilmember Purvis moved to wait on any decision regarding the closing of the city pool until Phase 2 of the Governor's plan and Pottawatomie County Health Department's health director releases more guidelines. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays. After the vote, Mayor Goodenow instructed the city clerk to not release the press release regarding the closing of the pool on May 4th as previously instructed.

Discussion on Rec Commission's request to still have summer ball program games for an abbreviated 2020 season:

Councilmember Purvis stated that he had received an email from the Westy Rec Commission's president requesting permission from the city to hold practices and games for the 2020 ball season.

Councilmember Purvis stated that he had informed the Rec Commission several times that the city doesn't run the Rec Commission, that the city only owns the ball fields. He said the Rec Commission is looking at waiting until Phase 2 goes into effect on May 18th to make a decision, but wanted the city's permission to have a season if there are no additional regulations for sports events enacted by either the Governor or the Health Department director.

Councilmember Rosell stated that the council doesn't run the Rec Commission, nor do they need to be involved in their operation, in his opinion, and that the Rec Commission, should they have practices and games, needed to follow the guidelines and regulations from the Governor and Health Department director. He said he would like a certified letter sent to the president of the Rec Commission stating the city's stand on the issue.

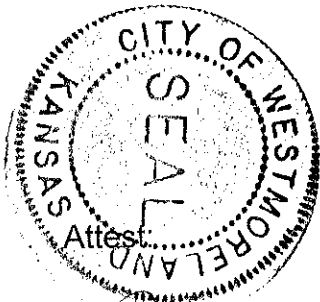
After some brief discussion, Councilmember Purvis moved to allow the use of the ball diamond and T-Ball field as long as the regulations of the Governor, County Health

Department director and CDC are followed, and to have a certified letter sent to the Rec Commission stating the city's stand on following guidelines set out by the Phase 2 of the Governor's plan, Pottawatomie County Health Department's guidelines and the guidelines from the CDC. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

There being no further business as stated on the purpose of the special meeting, Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

Mayor Goodenow declared the meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

Approved by the Governing Body on May 14, 2020.



Signed Mark A. Goodenow
Mark A. Goodenow, Mayor

Vicki B. Zentner
Vicki B. Zentner, City Clerk