

Westmoreland City Council
August 14, 2025 Minutes

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

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

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

Others present: The Times; Lily Hansen, Residents; Michelle Campbell, Jeremy Lehning, Pat and Natha Manges-Burns, Amanda Reese and Kiana Simmons, PTSO; Dale Rice, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company Inc; David Arteberry, and Riley Construction; Taylor Meagher.

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

Agenda: Mayor Rice asked to add D.1.- filling vacancy seat of Councilmember also to add Passing of Ord. 613 1% Pool Sales Tax Fund.

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

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

Public comments on non-agenda items: Citizen Amanda Reese commented on utilities increase and how it was done drastically. Council responded with what was discussed last meeting with the auditor for the 2026 Budget.

NEW BUSINESS-

Filling vacancy seat of Councilmember: Mayor Rice appointed Michelle Campbell as the person to fill the vacancy seat.

Opening Bids for Dechairo Park Playground:

1. Tyler Reese- Commercial Grade Playground- \$37,142.00
2. Dream Builders- High End residential- \$46,500
3. Versa Sport LLC- Commercial- \$85,538.50
4. American Playground and Rec- Commercial- \$81,545 (this does not include surfacing or boarder)
5. Riley Construction- Commercial- \$75,815.00
6. Aspire 2 Play- Commercial- \$67,594.00

Council decided to table and bring back up later in the meeting.

Opening Bids for Dechairo Park Sand Volleyball Court:

1. Tyler Reese- \$17,089
2. Dream Builders- \$20,810
3. Riley Construction- \$46,500

Council decided to table and bring back up later in the meeting.

Passing Ordinance 613 1% Pool Sales Tax Fund: Motion: Smith moved to approve Ordinance 613. Kincaid seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Passing Ordinance 610 .5% Pool Sales Tax Fund: Motion: Meininger moved to approve Ordinance 610. Kincaid seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 02-25- Authorizing the offering of the Series 2025-1 GO Temporary Notes: David explained to Council this resolution would allow staff and us to solicit bids to Banks and then will come back on September 11th with the bids submitted. Next meeting the city then will adopt the final bill of resolution. David asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Motion: Meininger moved to approve Resolution 02-25. Smith seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Passing Ordinance 611 for Waste Management Fee Increase: Motion: Smith moved to approve Ordinance 611. Kincaid seconded; motion carried 4-0

Passing Ordinance 612 for Water Rate Increase: Motion: Kincaid moved to approve Ordinance 612. Meininger seconded; motion carried 4-0

Natha Manges-Burns regarding cemetery- Natha asked Council if she could replace a foot monument with a raised monument. After brief discussion, Council decided to table it and review next month.

Old Business:

Fee Schedule: After reviewing the list provided by Robert in council packets, Council decided to discuss further next meeting.

Future agenda items: Natha Manges-Burns regarding cemetery, Fee Schedule,

Reports:

Treasurer: The city received an \$80,000 donation from the Marvin S. Robinson Charitable Trust, to help with the pool equipment/slide. Amy recommended that we put this money into a 6-month CD.

Motion: Kincaid moved to put the donation from the Trust into a 6-month CD with signers being Julie Wren, Amy Reed and Bruce Meininger. Smith seconded; motion carried 4-0

Maintenance Report: Robert mentioned city wide cleanup day and asked that it be ok to contact the Dumpster Contractor to get price and date scheduled.

Motion: Kincaid moved to approve Robert to contact the Dumpster contractor for city wide cleanup day. Meininger seconded; motion carried 4-0

RV Park: there had been complaints about sites being uneven, going to order rock and grade them out.

Clerk's Report: Julie asked Council if she and Amy could attend the League Conference in Overland Park October 9-11. This conference has other Council members, Mayors, Clerks and Treasures who attend. Great chance to network.

Motion: Kincaid moved to approve Amy and Julie to attend the League Conference October 9-11th. Meininger seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Budget Hearing and RNR meeting will be next month's meeting.

Streets- Meininger had nothing to report.

Utilities- Coleman was absent.

Animal Control- Smith had nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning- Smith had nothing to report.

Pool- Campbell had nothing to report.

Cemetery- Kincaid had nothing to report.

Parks- Kincaid had nothing to report.

Motion: Meininger moved to award the bid to Tyler Reese for the Sand Volleyball Pit in the amount of \$17,089. Smith seconded; motion carried 4-0

Motion: Kincaid moved to award the bid to Tyler Reese for the Dechair Park playground in the amount of \$37,142. Meininger seconded; motion carried 4-0

Fire Department- Smith had nothing to report.

Flint Hills Regional Council- Meininger asked that a letter be made to FHRC to inform them that Michelle will now represent the City of Westmoreland. Julie said she would get that completed.

Mayor- Rice had 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 Rice declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Approved by the Governing Body on September 11, 2025.

Signed: Ashley Rice
Ashley Rice, Council President

ATTEST:

Signed: Julie Wren
Julie Wren, City Clerk

