

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 9-11<sup>th</sup>. 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 Dechairo 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

