

WESTMORELAND CITY COUNCIL

February 18, 2008

Minutes

The Town Council, Town of Westmoreland, met in regular session on Monday night, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room.

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Mayor, Cynthia Templeton. The following Town Council members were present: Brad Penick, Mike Carter, Brian Smalling and Frank Ruckman. The Mayor arrived at 7:10 p.m. Town Attorney, John Bradley, was present for the meeting.

The Invocation was given by Jerry Kirkman

Motion by Brad Penick, second by Frank Ruckman, to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2008 regular meeting as written. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Brad Penick, second by Brian Smalling, to accept the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of February 4, 2008. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Brad Penick, second by Frank Ruckman, to accept the January Financial Statement. Motion carried unanimous.

Discussion of the bids from the banks for the Fred Clark Building to borrow \$56,300. The only bid received was from the Farmers Bank for \$56,300 on a 10-year year amortization at 4.13% interest fir 59 months with a balloon payment based on 120-month amortization of principal and interest payments.

Motion by Cynthia Templeton, second by Mike Carter, to accept the bid from the Farmers Bank with stipulations above contingent on State approval. Motion carried 4 to 1. Brad Penick voting against the motion.

Keith Graves approached the Council about reimbursement of a 6 inch water line and a fire hydrant that he installed for his business at a cost of \$8,641.99. He explained that he was asked by city workers to install the line and the fire hydrant. He feels it was not his responsibility to meet these requirements as the Westmoreland Planning Commission did not require it on his plans.

Motion by Cynthia Templeton to reimburse \$1,100 for the fire hydrant plus the cost of installation of the hydrant as it could be used at another location in the city. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Frank Ruckman, second by Mike Carter, to defer to the next meeting. Motion carried unanimous.

Jon Pullen presented the updated sanitation policy to the council. Motion by Brad Penick, second by Frank Ruckman, to adopt the policy as written with the addition of two (2) days for a semi-annual cleanup. At this time the Mayor recommended that the motions be withdrawn and the matter be deferred for additional study. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Brian Smalling, second by Mike Carter, to defer it until the next meeting and requested that a Special-Called meeting be set for February 26, 2008, also the date needs to be published. Motion carried unanimous.

Jon Pullen advised the Council that Gene Carman was requesting a letter from the Council about water taps for a development on Lake Road. After discussion it was noted that Town Attorney,

John Bradley, would compose the letter after obtaining details about the project.

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Denise Etheridge presented the police department monthly report. She advised that overtime would be up due to the assistance to Macon County for the tornado. She also advised that she had a meeting with area pastors about preparing shelters in case they were needed in the future.

Motion by Brian Smalling, second by Frank Ruckman, to suspend the rules and add to the agenda the RTP Grant for Little Tunnel, Phase III. Motion carried unanimous.

Mayor Woodard stated that he had met with Mr. Wix and Mr. Wix had agreed to give the city an easement on the property. He would sell the approximate ¼-acre near the right-of-way but it would be at an additional cost if the city would like to purchase it.

After discussion, it was determined because of the cost of the Phase III project and needs of funding for other projects in town that the grant be tabled.

Motion by Brian Smalling, second by Brad Penick, to table Resolution # 431 and the RTP Grant for Phase III until the next grant cycle in 2010. Brad Penick and Brian Smalling voted for the motion; Cynthia Templeton, Mike Carter, and Frank Ruckman abstained. No other action was taken on the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Kirkman

Ricky W. Woodard, Mayor

Jerry Kirkman, Recorder