

## **WESTMORELAND CITY COUNCIL**

**January 22, 2008**

### **Minutes**

The Town Council, Town of Westmoreland, met in regular session on Monday night, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room.

Mayor Ricky Woodard was not present for the meeting. The following Town Council members were present: Vice-Mayor Cynthia Templeton, Brad Penick, Mike Carter, Brian Smalling and Frank Ruckman. Town Attorney, John Bradley, was present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Mayor Cynthia Templeton at 7:00 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Jerry Kirkman

State Representative, Michael McDonald presented a State of Tennessee Enhancement Grant to the Town of Westmoreland Parks & Recreation Department in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Motion by Brian Smalling, second by Frank Ruckman to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting as written. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Brad Penick, second by Brian Smalling to accept the minutes of the January 7, 2008 Special Called meeting. Motion carried unanimous.

Roger Pullen addressed the council about the proposed "Veteran's Memorial Park."

Motion by Brad Penick, second by Frank Ruckman to check with the town attorney at the next study session to inquire about how the town could allow an area by the gazebo to be used for the planned placement of a veteran's memorial. No vote was taken; deferred to study session.

Mike Carter presented an update on the street light project. He also asked the council for direction on additional projects.

Motion by Brian Smalling, second by Frank Ruckman to have Mr. Carter continue with the additional 20 to 25 lights that need to be addressed for the project.

Mike Carter gave an update on the Fred Clark Building behind the Public Works Building on Park Street.

Motion by Frank Ruckman, second by Mike Carter to defer any action on the building until after January 24<sup>th</sup> when the sealed bids would be collected and opened. Motion carried unanimous.

Mayor Woodard was not present to discuss sewer lines at New Hwy 52 & New Hwy 31 E. No action was taken.

Tom Roberts of the Fleetwood Drapery Plant requested a reimbursement for expense incurred for sanitation service from 1999 when sanitation service was provided by a private contractor. No action was taken,

Tony Bentle, President of the Industrial Development Board asked the council to appoint Jacqueline Wix to the Board.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bentle the council was in agreement with Ms. Wix being appointed to the board.

Mr. Bentle then addressed the council about goals the IDB had established during their meetings.

- A. The town's attorney or another attorney to update the charter for the board
- B. Discuss grants concerning water & sewer infrastructure.
- C. Website updates
- D. Incentive Packages in writing.
- E. Part-time Employee
- F. Picking a person to attend a weeklong seminar at no cost to the town.
- G. Assistance with a "MainStreet" mentor program.

No further action taken.

Sherman Driver addressed the council about Building Permits in Westmoreland. Mr. Driver was advised to attend the Westmoreland Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. No other action taken.

Mike Carter presented a rate schedule proposal about water & sewer cost to the council. This included residential, commercial, and the establishment of an Industrial rate. Also discussed were tap fees and other cost.

Motion by Brad Penick to check on the rates and present them at the meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Mike Carter, second by Frank Ruckman to adopt the new rate structure with a resolution to be presented at Special Called Meeting, on February 4, 2008. Motion carried 4 to 1, Brad Penick voting against the motion.

Police Chief Etheridge presented the Police Department monthly report.

Motion by Frank Ruckman, second by Brad Penick, to adopt on first reading Ordinance #483, 2006-2007 Budget Amendment. Motion carried 4 to 1, with Mike Carter voting against the motion.

Jon Pullen presented the monthly report for Public Works.

Discussion ensued regarding the reading of the master meter. Council requested Eric Weber from the State of Tennessee attend the next meeting.

Jon was asked to place locks on the electrical panels at the gazebo as someone had been turning on the lights.

Motion by Brian Smalling, second by Mike Carter, to close the restrooms at the walking track for construction during the season.

It was requested by the council that the Work Study Session for February 4, 2008, be made a Special Called Meeting to discuss the Little Tunnel Phase III, Veterans' Memorial Park, sanitation issues, water and sewer line extensions, and second reading of Ordinance #483.

Motion by Mike Carter to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Kirkman

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Ricky W. Woodard, Mayor

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Jerry Kirkman, Recorder

