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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1-17-13

The Westmoreland City Council met in regular session on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013 in the Community Meeting Room located at 5300 Austin Peay Hwy.

Mayor Carter opened meeting at 7:04 PM. Devotion given by Councilman David Harrison. Pledge to flag given.

Roll Call: Councilmember Cline-present, Farley-present, Freeman-present, Harrison-present, Reeves – absent.

Attorney John Bradley was present.

Motion by Dawn Freeman second David Harrison to adopt agenda. Farley-yes, Freeman-yes, Harrison-yes, Cline-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by David Harrison second Ricky Cline to approve minutes of 12-20-12 meeting. Freeman-yes, Harrison-yes, Cline-yes, Farley-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Dawn Freeman second Kim Farley to approve financial statement as presented. Harrison-yes, Cline-yes, Farley-yes, Freeman-yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on sports complex was deferred until Feb. by Mayor Carter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Selection of Vice-Mayor – Kim Farley and David Harrison were nominated. Three voting for Kim Farley and one vote for David Harrison. Kim Farley was selected to serve as Vice-Mayor.

Motion by Dawn Freeman second Ricky Cline to pass Resolution 523 – Setting Council Meeting dates for 2013. Cline-yes, Farley-yes, Freeman-yes, Harrison-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by David Harrison second Dawn Freeman to allow city employees to help at the Expo Center on an "as needed basis". Farley-yes, Freeman-yes, Harrison-yes, Cline-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Ricky Cline second David Harrison to name a portion of Epperson Springs Rd., between Park St. and N. Walnut, as "Wendell Holmes Memorial Drive" in memory of Wendell's service to the Fire Department. Freeman-yes, Harrison-yes, Cline-yes, Farley-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by David Harrison second Dawn Freeman to pay Mayor's mileage for Dec. 2012.
Harrison-yes, Cline-no, Farley-yes, Freeman-yes. Motion passed.

Department reports were given by Tim Farley, Fredia Carter and Kenny Patterson.

Kenny reported the heavy rains had caused major problems with our sewer system. Stations had to be pumped out every 4 or 5 hours. Was getting new pump for one of the stations.
Motion by David Harrison second Kim Farley to approve purchase of samplers for the sewer plant on emergency basis pending engineer approval. Cline-yes, Farley-yes, Freeman-yes, Harrison-yes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourn at 7:30 PM.

MICHAEL R. CARTER
MAYOR

ATTEST:

FREDIA CARTER
CITY RECORDER

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SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING

2-7-13

A special call council meeting was held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 for the purpose of considering the bids for the 2012 ADA Municipal Building Improvements – Resolution # 524.

Mayor Carter called meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll call – Mayor Carter – present, Councilmembers: Farley- present, Freeman-present, Cline-yes, Harrison – present, Reeves-present.

Motion by Larry Reeves second Dawn Freeman to pass Resolution 524, accepting bids for 2012 ADA Municipal Building Improvement. Contract A – awarded to Perdue Trucking, Portland, Tn., in the amount of \$27,695.20.

Contract B – Ward Construction, Westmoreland, Tn., in the amount of \$29,799.50.

Farley-yes, Freeman-yes, Harrison-yes, Reeves-yes, Cline-yes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourn at 7:15 PM.

ATTEST:

MICHAEL R. CARTER
MAYOR

FREDIA CARTER
CITY RECORDER

DISCIPLINARY APPEALS HEARING
EMPLOYEE CHRIS BLANKENSHIP

1-17-13

Appeals hearing requested by Chris Blankenship against a disciplinary action impose on him by the chief of police was conducted on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Community Meeting Room.
Present-Mayor Carter – Councilmembers: Cline, Harrison, Farley, Freeman.

Attorney John Bradley conducted the hearing and administer the oath to each one that spoke. Question Chris Blankenship on his comments made to a juvenile at school without a guardian present.

Attorney called Tim Farley to speak and to read to the governing body the other five write ups in Mr. Blankenship personnel file which was for one suspension and four write ups.

Attorney Bradley asks the council to uphold the action of the Chief and to impose a probation period for one year.

Council Cline ask for Dr. Stafford, principal at elementary school, to speak on what took place at the school with Officer Blankenship. Mr. Bradley administer the oath to Dr. Stafford.

Motion by Dawn Freeman second David Harrison to affirm the action of Chief Etheridge and to impose a one (1) year probation period on Officer Blankenship.

Roll call vote: Freeman-yes, Cline-no, Farley-yes, Harrison-yes. Motion passed.

Appeals hearing closed at 6:58 PM.

ATTEST:

MICHAEL R. CARTER
MAYOR

FREDIA CARTER
CITY RECORDER