

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting-Community Building
August 10, 2015 6PM

Council Present: Michael Herron, Mayor
Judy Hammill
Peter Edquist

Staff: Pam Humphrey, Administrator
Chief Erik McGinnis

Visitors: Lane Peeler
Jeff Watson

Council Not Present: Micah Edquist, Finance Officer
Mike Burrage, Mayor Pro Tem

Call to Order: Mayor Herron called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM with a quorum being declared present.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Herron requested that a moment of silence be observed.

Ethics Statement: Mayor Herron asked if any Council members present may have any potential conflict(s) of interest or any known or perceived conflict(s) of interest related to the meeting Agenda presented. None were noted.

Introduction of Visitors & Staff: The Visitors and Staff as noted above were welcomed to the meeting.

Approval of 08/10/15 Council Agenda: Hammill made a Motion to approve the Agenda amending it as follows:

1. Remove Agenda Item #8 (Possible Donation to the Village)
2. Defer Agenda Item #9 (Carolina Thread Trail Update) to be presented and discussed at the 09/14/15 Council Meeting
3. Defer Agenda Item #11 (Vehicle Finance Rates) to be presented and discussed at the 09/14/15 Council Meeting)

P. Edquist seconded the Motion to amend the Agenda and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.

Approval of 07/13/15 Council Minutes: Hammill made a Motion to approve the Council Minutes as presented. Herron seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.

Public Comment: Lane Peeler requested to speak. He thanked the Council for starting to clear the historic Gladstone property as it was full of bamboo toward the back of the property. He commented that M & M Services had been working diligently to remove the bamboo and clear the lot of overgrown vegetation.

Historic Gladstone Status:

P. Humphrey, Administrator, advised Council that she had received a request from M & M Services to modify the contract to clear the Gladstone property. Mike Misenheimer of M & M Services was unable to attend the Council meeting to present his request. He had dropped off the written request to the Village office on 8/10/15. It was not known if M. Edquist, Finance Officer, had been able to review the amendment request prior to its submission. M. Edquist was unable to attend the Council meeting.

The contract amendment request recaps that the bamboo and vegetation clearing and debris removal will require more labor and equipment resources than what had been originally estimated for \$1,713.45. \$700.00 had previously been advanced at the beginning of the project. The amendment request revises the work estimate to \$3,453.45 which is an increase of \$1,740.00. M & M Services' dump truck is not big enough to haul the debris away from the property. M & M Services is proposing to subcontract with a hauler to remove the debris.

P. Edquist made a Motion to include the following provisions:

- The entire project would be capped at \$3000.00.
- No further disbursements would be made to M & M Services until the project is completed.
- Grass seeding would continue to take place this fall per the terms of the contract.

- A FY 15/16 Budget Amendment would be made for the difference between the amended contract amount and the initial contract amount of \$1,713.45
- The Finance Officer would be consulted regarding the terms noted above.

Hammill seconded the Motion. The Mayor asked for further comment. Council's consensus was that they knew it was a big project and that they had seen that M & M Services had been working on clearing the property. However, they would not have expected that the project cost would have nearly doubled.

Herron requested to amend the Motion to increase the entire project to no more than \$3,200.00 under M. Edquist, Finance Officer's discretion and to approve a FY 15/16 Budget Amendment of no more than \$1,486.55. P. Edquist seconded the amended Motion and the Motion was approved by a vote of 3/0.

P. Humphrey, Administrator, recapped the proceedings of the Gladstone Committee meeting that was held 8/5/15 as M. Edquist was not in attendance at the Council meeting to provide the update. The following items were discussed by the Committee:

- Byers, Committee member, commented that approximately 55% of the Parks, Greenways, & Recreation survey respondents did not live in the Village. Humphrey advised that this was most likely due to including the students at Pfeiffer University and at Gray Stone Day School. The Committee discussed continued outreach efforts to survey more Village residents in order to get their input and ideas regarding utilization of the historic Gladstone property. Additional community outreach efforts could be coordinated at the 2015 Fall Cookout to be held on Saturday, 10/24/15 from 11:30-1.
- The Gladstone Committee will make a request to Council that they meet at least quarterly. Herron accepted the Committee's recommendation to meet quarterly. Hammill seconded the recommendation and it was approved by a vote of 3/0. Mayor Herron extended Council's thanks for the Committee's time and commitment to the study of the possible utilization of the historic Gladstone property.
- The Gladstone property will have a termite bait system installed during July 2015. In addition, wood debris under the structure will be removed.
- Mike Riemann, Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) Committee Village representative, attended the Gladstone Committee meeting to advise the Committee regarding the following:
 - The Village and Richfield had recently been awarded and accepted a \$70,000 grant from the Foundation for the Carolinas (FFTC) to construct close to 3 miles of trail between Misenheimer at Wesley Chapel Road to Richfield Park.
 - Misenheimer, Richfield, and New London are close to securing property and/or easements that will complete the entire CTT trail route.
 - Central Park NC Region has designated 2 bike routes (North & South Uwharrie) that will traverse throughout the Village. The Parks, Greenways, & Recreation Survey results supported the connectivity of bike and trail routes. In addition, the Village may want to consider the connectivity of utilizing the historic Gladstone property as a destination of interest for those utilizing bike and hiking trails in the vicinity.
 - Trails have been noted as being potential economic development tools for communities.
 - A 501c3 has been organized to raise funding for trail maintenance.
- The Committee discussed the following possible next steps for utilization of the historic Gladstone property:
 - Request that the County finalize their comments pertaining to the draft architectural documents presented to the Stanly County Project Review Committee on 5/6/15.
 - Pending the outcome of the County comments to be secured as noted above, finalize the architectural documents and present them to the Village Council.
 - Pending the completion of the clearing of the Gladstone property, request that Council approve for a perk test be secured as allowed by the County.
 - At the 5/6/15 Stanly County Project Review Committee meeting, the County suggested that a structural engineer should be considered to be engaged to determine if the building interior design would accommodate the projected occupancy load.
 - A sidewalk or trail connection could be considered from US Highway 52 to Wesley Chapel Road that would connect to the historic Gladstone property.

- Informational signage could be considered for the Gladstone property.
- Shrubbery for privacy for neighboring side lot properties could be considered.
- Low profile fencing along the front road side of the property could be considered to deter vehicles from entering the property.
- The consensus of the Committee members in attendance was that the steps noted above could be considered a small set of short term goals in taking “baby” steps to beautify, enhance, and to protect the historic Gladstone property.
- Aligning future next steps to utilize the historic Gladstone property with the CTT trail construction project time line may be advantageous.

P. Edquist made a motion to approve that a perk test be arranged for the Gladstone property at a cost of no more than \$1,500.00 thus requiring a FY 15/16 Budget Amendment. Hammill seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.

Review and Consider for Approval Contract with Greene’s Catering for fall 2015 Cookout: Humphrey, Administrator, presented the proposed contract to provide the meals to be served to Village residents on Saturday, 10/24/15 from 11:30-1 for the annual fall cookout. P. Edquist made the Motion to approve the contract as presented. Hammill seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.

Hammill will contact local musicians to determine if live music can be provided at the event.

Administrative Report-July 2015 (Mayor, Council, Police Chief, & Administrator)

Mayor: No meetings to report.

Council: No meetings to report.

Police Chief:

- The July 2015 Police Report was submitted for Council’s review. Chief McGinnis also presented an Overview Report for Council’s review and consideration. Council instructed Staff to provide both reports for the next couple of months.

Administrator:

- Humphrey reminded Council to review the upcoming meeting and dates of interest on the Administrative Report and to advise her regarding Council’s attendance plans for specific dates.
- The new Village web site is still under construction. Council was provided new email addresses utilizing the new .gov domain.
- The auditors will perform their onsite field work on 8/24-8/25/15.
- Humphrey advised Council that she just received the NCLM quotes for dental, life, AD&D insurance. They will be reviewed and presented at the next Council meeting.
- Humphrey suggested that Council consider a portable event announcement sign similar to the sign at the Lutheran church in Richfield. Humphrey is checking with Pfeiffer University to determine if the sign could be set out near the USPS. She will advise Council at the next Council meeting.
- Humphrey advised that in requesting RFQ information regarding car financing interest rates, that some of the banks have inquired if the Village would be interested in considering their banking services. Council was not interested in the solicitation at this time.

FY 15/16 Unaudited Financial Status: Humphrey, Administrator, reported to Council that the bank statement balances at 07/31/15 were as follows:

- General Fund \$474,869
- Powell Bill Fund \$ 42,521
- Carolina Thread Trail \$ 36,336 (Grant #2 Funds) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield, & New London)
- Carolina Thread Trail \$ 70,000 (Grant #3 Funds) Trail Construction Grant (Village & Richfield)

Humphrey, Administrator, requested that Council consider sponsoring a luncheon event hosted by the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) for Government Managers & Administrators. The next luncheon is scheduled for 10/29/15. The Village would pay for the lunch for approximately 20 attendees. Lunch would be provided by the Pfeiffer

University cafeteria. Funds are currently available in the FY 15/16 Budget. Hammill made the Motion to sponsor the CCOG luncheon. P. Edquist seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.

Review and Consider for Approval Resolution to Consider to participate in the NC State Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) as Allowed by HB 154: P. Edquist made the Motion to approve the Resolution as approved. Hammill seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.

Other Business:

- Nominate and Appoint Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Vacant Position: Hammill made a Motion to appoint Lane Peeler to fill out the Planning Board member position vacancy with the term ending 6/30/16 and the Board of Adjustment member position vacancy with the term ending 6/30/17. P. Edquist seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0. Mr. Peeler accepted the appointment.
- There was no Other Business to discuss.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6PM at the Community Building.

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Mayor	Date	Pam M. Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk	Date