

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting-Community Building
September 14, 2015 6PM

Council Present:	Michael Herron, Mayor Judy Hammill Peter Edquist (Excused 6:45PM) Micah Edquist, Finance Officer Mike Burrage, Mayor Pro Tem	Staff:	Pam Humphrey, Administrator Chief Erik McGinnis
		Visitors:	Lane Peeler Mike Riemann Shannon Beamon, SNAP Jeff Plyler, Pfeiffer University Dr. Colleen P. Keith, Pfeiffer University Barry Keith Mac McCarley, Village Counsel

Call to Order: Mayor Herron called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum being declared present.

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

Ethics Statement: Humphrey, Administrator read the Ethics Statement asking 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 09/14/15 Council Agenda: M. Edquist made a Motion to approve the Agenda amending it as follows:

1. Agenda Item #10-Add review & consider for approval Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) Contract with Chambers Engineering for US Hwy 52 crosswalk study
2. Defer Agenda Item #15 (NC State Health Insurance Plan Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be presented and discussed at the 10/12/15 Council Meeting

P. Edquist seconded the Motion to amend the Agenda and it was approved by a vote of 5/0.

Approval of 08/10/15 Council Minutes: M. Edquist made a Motion to approve the Council Minutes as presented. Burrage seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 5/0.

Public Comment: Lane Peeler requested to speak. He commented that the bamboo recently cut at the Gladstone property had grown considerably in a short period of time even during the drought conditions. He brought a sample of the bamboo to view. He advised that something else would need to be done to thwart the bamboo growth.

Pfeiffer University Request for Resolution: Dr. Colleen P. Keith, President of Pfeiffer University, requested that Council consider approving a Resolution that would allow the Village to hold a mixed beverage election at the next time available pursuant to NCGS 18B-600(e1). Currently, students of legal drinking age go off campus to establishments. There could be drinking and driving concerns as they return to campus. In addition, the University is planning on establishing a Physician's Assistant (PA) and Occupational Therapy (OT) graduate program on the Misenheimer campus in the near future which will attract older students. The General Statute requires at least 300 registered voters to request the mixed beverage election and as of 9/14/15 there were 351 registered voters.

Review and Consider Resolution Approval Regarding Pfeiffer University Request: M. Edquist made a Motion to approve Pfeiffer University's request to approve a Resolution that would allow the Village to hold a mixed beverage election at the next time available pursuant to NCGS 18B-600(e1). Burrage seconded the Motion. Mayor Herron asked if there was any discussion regarding the Resolution request. Council members, Police Chief/Zoning Officer McGinnis, President Keith, and M. McCarley, Village Counsel, discussed the pros, cons, and the possible economic development opportunities of allowing mixed beverages in the Village if it was passed by the citizens

in the upcoming election on 11/3/15. Voter approval would require a vote count of 50% + 1 of votes cast for the measure to pass.

Mayor Herron commented that Pfeiffer University is the biggest entity in the Village and in this part of Stanly County. What benefits the University in the long run will benefit the Village and the County. The recent Connect our Future study conducted by the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) showed that growth would occur in our area of the County.

President Keith responded that the University is interested in making an investment in infrastructure for the University and the community's use. This will promote more community involvement between the University and the Village.

A vote was taken to approve the Resolution as presented and it was approved by a vote of 5/0. The approved Resolution will be delivered to the Stanly County Board of Elections early Tuesday, 9/15/15.

Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) Update: Mike Riemann, CTT Committee Village Representative, advised Council regarding the following pertaining to the outstanding CTT grants (#2 Trail Acquisition/Easements & #3-Trail Construction):

- CTT Grant #3-Fencing is being installed along Culp Road.
- CTT Grant #3-The trail builder should start in October 2015.
- CTT Grant #3- The Misenheimer/Richfield portion of the trail is scheduled to be completed by June 2016.
- CTT Grant #2-Almost seven (7) miles of the approximately nine (9) miles of trail has been secured or committed.

Riemann requested that Council approve the contract with Chambers Engineering, PA to determine design details regarding a possible trail crossing at Wesley Chapel Road over the railroad tracks that will connect the trail head on Wesley Chapel Road across from Lloyd's Antiques with the continuation of the trail along Lions Club Road going toward Glenmore Road.

Burrage made the Motion to approve the Chambers Engineering, PA contract as presented. Hammill seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 4/0.

Consider NCDOT Bike/Ped/Vehicle Rail Crossing Safety Improvements Project Submission: Humphrey, Administrator, advised Council that the RRRPO had advised all members to determine if they had any additional projects to submit to the NCDOT P4 Highway Project List. She had advised RRRPO members that no rail projects had been submitted and that it would be two (2) years until additional projects could be submitted for consideration. Humphrey, Administrator, prepared a project for Council's review that requested safety improvements at the vehicle and pedestrian crossings on the campus of Pfeiffer University. In addition, President Keith had been given a draft of the project request for her review. The RRRPO TCC approved the Village project request at their meeting held on 9/8/15. In order for the project to be considered at the RRRPO TAC meeting of elected officials on 9/17/15, the project request needs to be approved by Council. There was discussion concerning possible congestion along US Hwy 52 if more traffic arms were installed. President Keith commented that any student safety improvements are appreciated. M. Edquist made a Motion to submit the Project Request as presented for NCDOT consideration. Burrage seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 4/0.

Historic Gladstone Status:

M. Edquist advised Council that the clearing of the lot at the Gladstone property is about 90% complete. There is debris that needs to be removed. This project has taken more time to complete due to contractor equipment and scheduling issues. Moreover, the thick bamboo that was cut continues to grow. The long term solution will be to permanently remove and eradicate the bamboo area of the property so that it can be seeded, mowed, and maintained. M. Edquist advised that he will continue to work with the contractor to complete the work and determine if additional efforts are necessary to keep the lot cleared.

August 2015 Police Report: Chief McGinnis advised Council that there was nothing major of note on the report submitted to Council for their review. His staff has been regularly watching traffic on Wesley Chapel Road and the Gray Stone Day School traffic along Merner Terrace.

FY 15/16 Unaudited Financial Status: M. Edquist, Finance Officer, reported to Council that the bank statement balances at 08/31/15 were as follows:

- General Fund \$498,023
- Powell Bill Fund \$ 42,524
- 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)

Other Business:

- Humphrey, Administrator, advised Council that if music is to be played at the Community Building for the 10/24/15 Cookout that an ASCAP license would be needed. McCarley, Village Counsel, advised that a BMI license would also be needed. He advised that he would provide discount license pricing options available as some of our municipal organization memberships may incorporate such discounted license pricing.
- Hammill advised that she had been approached to accept a donation of a holiday display on behalf of the Village. McCarley, Village Counsel, advised that she obtain a picture of the display for further review and consideration.
- There was no Other Business to discuss.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:17PM.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2015 at 6PM at the Community Building.

Mayor Michael Herron	Date	Pam M. Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk	Date
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