

**Village of Misenheimer**  
**Council Meeting & Planning Board Minutes - Community Building**  
**February 13, 2017**

<b>Council Present:</b>	Michael "Frizbee" Herron, Mayor Jeff Watson, Mayor Pro Tem Peter Edquist Mike Burrage Micah Edquist, Finance Officer	<b>Staff:</b>	Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk
<b>Planning Board Present:</b>	Mark Stephenson, Chairman Jeff Watson, Vice-Chairman Jon Byers Lane Peeler	<b>Visitors:</b>	Shannon Beamon, SNAP Mac McCarley, Village Attorney Chris Parker, Director of Admissions, PU Donnie Day Sherry Day Pastor Craig Scott Dr. Collen Perry Keith, President, PU Bob Reasso – VP Athletics, Soccer Coach, PU Frank Lea, Laurinburg, PU Alumni Barry Keith

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Herron called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Moment of Silence:** Mayor Herron requested that a moment of silence be observed.
- 3. Ethics Statement:** Blair 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.
- 4. Introduction of Staff & Visitors:** Visitors as noted above were welcomed to the meeting.
- 5. Approval of 02/13/17 Council Meeting Agenda:** P. Edquist made a Motion to approve the agenda. Burrage seconded the Motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.
- 6. Joint Public Hearing on Zoning Text Change from Pfeiffer University:** Mayor Herron declared the Public Hearing open.  
  
Dr. Keith, Mr. Parker, Mr. Lea, Mr. Reasso each spoke regarding their thoughts on the proposed sign and how it could positively impact Pfeiffer University. Positive impacts noted were improved communication for the University and for the Village of Misenheimer, awareness of the University and their activities on campus. The sign could be utilized as a marketing tool to generate interest.  
  
Mayor Herron declared the Public Hearing closed 6:12 pm
- 7. Recess:** The Council meeting was recessed at 6:12 pm.
- 8. Reconvene at the end of the Planning Board Meeting:** The Council Meeting reconvened at 6:50 pm.
- 9. Vote Regarding Proposed Zoning Text Change from Pfeiffer University:** A recommendation was presented from the Planning Board to accept all four text changes requested by Pfeiffer University.  
  
Burrage made a Motion to approve the four zoning text changes recommended by the Planning Board. M. Edquist seconded the Motion.

Comments were heard from each Council member:

Burrage felt it would be a real benefit regarding communication. He commented that his feedback from community members was all positive.

Watson expressed some reservations regarding the aesthetics and was not pleased with all aspects, but overall liked the idea of promoting the University.

P. Edquist reflected on the ordinances as they were first written and the vision in which the Village was created. He questioned that a lighted, flashing sign could change the fortune of enrollment and also noted concerns about the size. He expressed that he wished changes could be made to make it more acceptable.

M. Edquist expressed his recognition of progressive marketing. He noted the high standards of construction at Pfeiffer University is what has given the beauty and quaintness to the University and trusts that the administration will stay in keeping with the beautiful quaint aesthetics they have already created.

Mayor Herron expressed his concerns for crosswalk safety and felt it would be a distraction from the highway due to the size, proposed placement, and proximity to the crosswalk.

The Motion passed 3/2 with P. Edquist and Mayor Herron opposing.

M. Edquist moved to add the definition of “knockout sign” in the zoning ordinance recommended by the Planning Board. Burrage seconded the Motion and it was approved 5/0.

**10. Approval of 01/09/17 Council Minutes:** M. Edquist made a Motion to approve the 01/09/17 Council Minutes as presented. Burrage seconded the Motion and it was approved 5 /0.

**11. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 01/31/17:** M. Edquist reported the bank statement balances as of 01/31/17 were as follows:

- General Fund                      \$ 536,831
- Powell Bill Fund                 \$ 62,317
- Carolina Thread Trail         \$ 8,128 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)
- Carolina Thread Trail         \$ 0 (Grant #3) Trail Construction Grant (Village & Richfield)

**12. Police Report – January, 2017** – Chief McGinnis reported that Officer Helms and Captain Brady recertified on Radar.

**13. FY 17/18 Budget Planning Schedule:** Blair presented a layout for budget considerations and asked for feedback on specific projects for next fiscal year at Gladstone, the Community Building and any other areas deemed priority as well as use for Powell Bill money. Council indicated that Gladstone was a priority and that sidewalks were needed for a more walkable Village. Discussions will continue at the next Council meeting.

**14. Community Building Usage Request:** Pastor Craig Scott requested to use the Community Building on a regular basis for a Cowboy Church. The request was for one time per week starting in June, 2017 increasing to two times per week starting in September 2017. His request included a reduced rate of \$37.50 per use as opposed to a non-resident rate of \$100 per use.

Village Attorney, Mac McCarley stated that we had to treat a request from a church in a completely neutral way. Churches cannot be discounted or burdened any more than any other rental.

Finance Officer, M. Edquist stated that we have a fee schedule in place which is \$50 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. As long as the church schedule doesn't conflict with any of the scheduled Village meetings and is in compliance with the building capacity requirement that we would gladly rent at the non-resident rate.

**15. Pfeiffer Place Update:** Chief McGinnis reported that the property owner of the nuisance property had contacted the Village Attorney and stated his plans to work on the property over the past weekend. Chief McGinnis reported that it did not appear that anything was done. He will inspect and file an addendum to his original report.

**16. Livestock Complaint Update:** Chief McGinnis reported that the criminal case regarding the free roaming livestock was continued. He has requested that the District Attorney not continue the case again. Village Attorney, Mac McCarley stated that if this problem cannot be resolved with existing rules, we can make new rules and pass an ordinance.

Mr. and Mrs. Day were complimentary of the police force and their attention to the matter. They feel there are possible zoning violations regarding their property lines and are willing to pay for a survey to assist in resolving the matter through zoning. The Days requested that Council seek further means of a solution for this problem if the matter is not resolved soon.

**17. Historic Gladstone Update:** M. Edquist stated that the bamboo was coming back and that action needs to be taken. He also expressed that he no longer wished to be the spokesperson for Gladstone in the absence of a committee. A working committee should be re-established to report back to Council.

Burrage and P. Edquist concurred that Gladstone should be priority in next year's budget.

The perk holes have not yet been completed.

**18. Other Business:** None was heard.

**19. Public Comment Period:** None was heard.

**14: Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

**The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March, 13, 2017 at 6PM at the Community Building.**

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Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date