

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
March 13, 2017

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor **Staff:** Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk
Jeff Watson, Mayor Pro Tem
Peter Edquist **Visitors:** Shannon Beamon, SNAP
Mike Burrage
Micah Edquist, Finance Officer

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 03/13/17 Council Meeting Agenda: Burrage made a Motion to approve the Agenda as presented. M. Edquist seconded the Motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

6. Approval of 02/13/17 Council Minutes: P. Edquist made a Motion to approve the 02/13/17 Council Minutes as presented. M. Edquist seconded the Motion and it was approved 5/0.

7. Public Comment Period: No public comments were heard.

8. Carolina Thread Trail Update – No update was presented.

9. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 02/28/17: M. Edquist reported the bank statement balances as of 02/28/17 were as follows:

- General Fund \$ 558,390
- Powell Bill Fund \$ 62,342
- 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)

10. Audit Review – FY 15/16: Maxton McDowell, CPA performed the audit for the Village of Misenheimer. M. Edquist reported that we received a clean opinion. He highlighted various aspects of the audit and reported that revenues came in over budget and expenditures came in under budget with a net change in fund balance of \$54,747.

11. FY 17/18 Budget Initial Discussion: Budget discussions included a 15-year anniversary celebration, sidewalks, Gladstone and the Community Building.

15-Year Anniversary Celebration – Council discussed delaying this item for the FY 18/19 budget when Pfeiffer University is back in session. In addition, Council would like for some of the events to take place at Gladstone. This would allow additional time to have repairs/renovations completed. A committee needs to be established soon in order to have ideas and costs in place before next budget season.

Sidewalks - Potential areas were discussed. Water lines and future sewer lines should be considered regarding the sidewalk placement.

Gladstone - A general consensus of Council was to budget \$50,000 for Gladstone out of fund balance. The Gladstone committee and priorities need to be re-established. A complete restoration is needed but the goal for now is to get the building functional. Future ideas were a sidewalk to Gladstone and a Pavilion.

Community Building – Ideas were an outdoor covered area for music events, bigger screen for movie night, enhancement for community events, and possibly a privacy fence.

12. Police Report – February, 2017 – The Police report was reviewed individually by Council Members. M. Edquist commented that he would like to see officers present at the crosswalks in the fall when students return for a period of time instructing the importance of using the lights. P. Edquist suggested more community engagement by officers canvassing neighborhoods, introducing themselves, and instructing them to call if needed.

13. Pfeiffer Place Update: Blair reported that Zoning Officer, Erik McGinnis, has revisited and updated the Public Nuisance checklist and is mailing out the “Notice of Violation” on March 14, 2017 with a hearing date.

14. Livestock Complaint Update: M. Burrage stated the larger livestock has been controlled and currently there are no loose or roaming livestock.

15. Zoning – Sign Ordinance Review and Updates to Zoning Ordinance Manual: M. Edquist reported that freestanding (pole) signs are not allowable in the Village. He requested that Council look into the matter and wanted to know if this was intentional or just an oversight. In addition, it was noted that the entrance signs to the Village could be classified as such and should be addressed as well.

M. Edquist made a Motion to send the issue to the Planning Board for their recommendation. P. Edquist seconded the Motion and it was approved 5/0.

16. Historic Gladstone Update: M. Edquist reported that perk holes were dug but the County would not sign off due to improperly marked property lines. He commented that the two properties should be consolidated and deeded together. He reported that a surveyor had been contacted to do a recombination survey and efforts to have the deed redrawn are underway once the survey is complete.

17. Centralina Council of Government (CCOG) Delegate Amendment: Mayor Herron requested that Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Watson, become the main CCOG delegate. This designation will allow Watson to be appointed to the CCOG Executive Board. Currently, Mayor Herron is the main delegate with Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Watson as the alternate.

P. Edquist moved to appoint Jeff Watson as the main Village delegate on the CCOG and Mayor Herron as the alternate. M. Edquist seconded the Motion and was approved 5/0.

18. Other Business: Watson suggested getting name badges for the Council members to wear when representing the Village at various functions. P. Edquist moved to get Village name badges. J. Watson seconded the Motion and it was approved 5/0.

Blair reported that the joint NCDOT Bicycle Pedestrian Planning Grant was awarded to Village of Misenheimer, Town of Richfield, and Town of New London.

19. Public Comment Period: No comments were heard.

20: Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6PM at the Community Building.

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date