

**Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
September 11, 2017**

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Jeff Watson, Mayor Pro Tem
Micah Edquist, Finance Officer
Mike Burrage
Peter Edquist

Staff: Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk
Erik McGinnis, Chief of Police

Visitors: Rick Collins-MPD-Police Officer
Luke Hatley-MPD-Sergeant

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 09/11/17 Council Meeting Agenda: M. Edquist made a Motion to amend the agenda to add “Election Discussion.” Burrage seconded the Motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

6. Approval of 08/14/17 Council Minutes: Burrage made a Motion to approve the 08/14/17 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. M. Edquist seconded the Motion and it was approved 5/0.

7. Public Comment Period: No comments were heard.

8. Historic Gladstone Renovation Status: Blair reported that no contractors were present at the Pre-Bid Meeting on September 6, 2017. Seven contractors were contacted for the Request for Quotation. Contractors were not required to be at the Pre-Bid. The bid deadline is September 25, 2017.

- a. **Bamboo Eradication Status** – Blair reported that she had contacted three landscape companies. Two had responded but had not yet submitted quotes. She reported that both contractors stated it would be an ongoing and expensive process to fully eradicate. Blair reported that a landscape maintenance Scope of Work for Gladstone and the Community Building will be developed and presented by year end. This Scope of Work will incorporate the ongoing bamboo eradication along with mowing and other landscape maintenance. M. Edquist noted that bamboo is not currently on the Peeler property.

9. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 08/31/17: M. Edquist reported the following bank statement balances as of 08/31/17:

- General Fund \$577,208
- Powell Bill Fund \$ 62,585
- Carolina Thread Trail \$ 8,129 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

- a. **Budget Amendment** – M. Edquist presented a FY 17/18 Budget Ordinance Amendment to increase appropriation of fund balance by \$6000 and to increase Public Safety Expenditure by \$3700 to pay out accrued police officer vacation and benefits and to increase General Govt Expenditure Repairs & Maintenance Community Building by \$2300. M. Edquist moved to adopt the budget amendment. Watson seconded the Motion and it was approved 5/0.

- b. **Blackboard Contract** – Blair presented the 3-year Blackboard Contract between the Village and Stanly County with a cost is \$88.75 annually. P. Edquist made a Motion to approve the contract. Watson seconded the Motion and it was approved 5/0.

10. Police Report – Chief McGinnis reported there were 116 traffic stops, 108 charges, 1 arrest, and 5 vehicle crashes with 1 crash being serious. Mayor Herron asked for numbers to be compiled for Council consideration of a Richfield police contract.

- a. **Advanced Law Enforcement Certification** – Chief Erik McGinnis recognized Officer Rick Collins for receiving his Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

11. Election Discussion – Stanly County Board of Elections notified the Village Office of a problem with the election schedule. Session Law 2015-253 that moved the county elections to even years did not clarify the Village election schedule. The Board of Elections informed the Village that all other municipalities in the county other than the City of Albemarle operates under the Non-partisan Plurality election method. The Village election method is Non-partisan Primary. Village Legal Counsel advised changing the charter as the best solution to remedy the problem if the Village Council chose to change their election method to Non-partisan Plurality. Burrage made a Motion to proceed with changing the Village Charter election method to Non-partisan Plurality. Watson seconded the Motion and it was approved 5/0.

12. Community Building Usage Rules Discussion - Blair presented recommendations from the Village Attorney and the Village Property and Liability Insurance carrier to consider if Council approved alcohol use at the Community Building. Burrage moved to allow alcohol use at the Community Building with the requirement of a Tenant User Liability Insurance Program (TULIP) policy. P. Edquist seconded the Motion and it was approved 5/0.

13. Brunch Bill Discussion – Mayor Herron presented the idea of adopting an ordinance to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages before noon on Sundays known as the brunch bill. Council was receptive. An ordinance will be presented next month.

14. Fall Community BBQ Planning/Discussion – Blair presented the menu and details from the caterer. Blair reported that “Brain Trust” will be unable to play for the event. Council decided not to pursue another live band.

M. Edquist left at this time.

15. 15-Year Anniversary Discussion – Council members agreed that Pfeiffer University grounds would be the desired location for the event. Ideas included bands, vendors, and a parade. A 15-year anniversary committee was discussed to include P. Edquist, Burrage, and Blair. P. Edquist will contact Judy Hammill to serve on the committee with Chief McGinnis contacting Dr. Colleen Keith. P. Edquist will lead the 15-year anniversary effort.

Watson left at this time.

16. Other Business – No other business was heard.

17. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date