



The proposed budget also reflected a \$50,000 loan for the design and construction of bathrooms at the Gladstone property. M. Edquist pointed out that we need to get Gladstone ready for occupancy first. He felt that we should scale back and budget \$5000 for a bathroom design and \$5000 for tree removal out of fund balance and wait on the construction of the bathrooms. A site plan and an environmental engineering study for sewer are both needed. He suggested that we lay out a five-year plan to have Gladstone ready for the Village 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

The proposed budget included \$7500 to purchase functional furniture for the Administrative Office. Mayor Herron stated that the current office is not a good representation of the Village. File storage continues to be an issue.

Council collectively expressed the desire to relocate the Police Station and Administrative office to a more visible location on Hwy 52. The consensus was that a Police Station presence on Hwy 52 would be an advantage for the Village and the University. M. Edquist requested to handle the negotiation with the Director of Facilities at Pfeiffer University about a potential location and the advantages to the University.

**10. Police Report – April, 2018:** Chief McGinnis reported 3 vehicle crashes, 3 arrests, 187 traffic stops and 169 total charges. The arrests were all from warrants served. Random business checks are continuing.

**11. Speed Signs:** Mayor Herron reported that he had received approval from the Department of Transportation (DOT) approving the proposed sign plan. DOT is now ready for the official submission of the plan.

**12. Historic Gladstone Update: Frizbee –** M. Edquist stated that he would like to have the remaining outside doors painted the same color as the front door, the step treads and thresholds painted gray, leaving the risers white. He also reported that lighting and floors are the last two items to be completed. Blair is working on the lighting. Floors will not be completed until lighting is done.

**13. Bicycle Pedestrian Plan – Draft Proposal:** Blair provided a draft handout of the Bike/Ped plan and presented the top four priorities in the draft proposal. They were: 1) Falcon Trail Completion, 2) Falcon Trail Through New London, 3) Misenheimer to Richfield side path, 4) US 52 Crossing Enhancements in Richfield. She reported only the Misenheimer portion of Phase 2 which was a side path to the Clearview Apartments. Feedback from the plan was solicited from Council members for final consideration before the copy is presented to the public.

**14. Other Business –** Chief McGinnis reported that Officer Cable submitted his notice of resignation. He reported that he will post a full-time position. He also reported that he received four applications for the part-time position recently posted. Chief McGinnis expressed that he wanted to promote Rick Collins to the sergeant position. Mayor Herron felt personnel issues should be discussed in closed session.

M. Edquist moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). P. Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

**Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Issues Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)**

Watson moved to end the closed session. P. Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

**15. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

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Date

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Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

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Date