

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, August 9, 2021 6PM

Council Present: Michael "Frizbee" Herron, Mayor
Peter Edquist
Jeff Watson

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

Visitors: Dr. Reese Linnell, Director of the Small
Business & Entrepreneurial Dev, SCC
Jacob Allman-Thomas, Prospective
Police Officer Candidate

Council Absent: Micah Edquist
Mike Burrage

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: Anita 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 Visitors: Mayor Herron introduced and welcomed Dr. Reese Linnell and Jacob Allman-Thomas.

5. Approval 08/09/21 Agenda: Peter Edquist moved to amend the agenda by moving the Police Report-Introduction of Police Officer Candidate to agenda item 9. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

6. Approval 07/19/21 Council Meeting Minutes: Jeff Watson moved to approve the 07/19/21 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

7. Stanly Community College Small Business & Entrepreneurial Development Presentation – Dr. Reese Linnell, Director: Dr. Linnell came to inform the Village Council of the services that are available at no cost to serve and support the Misenheimer community and citizens of Stanly County. Their purpose is to increase the success rate and viability of small businesses. They provide high quality information and resources to small businesses working with federal, state and local agencies. Services available include confidential business counseling, seminars and workshops, resources which include professional relationships to assist with initial legal and accounting advice at no cost.

Dr. Linnell left at this time.

8. Public Comment Period: No public comments were offered.

9. Police Report – July, 2021: Chief McGinnis reported 40 traffic stops, 34 total charges, 6 warning citations and 1 arrest for the month of July, 2021. There were 7 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and State Highway Patrol. There were 24 citations written on Hwy 52 and 16 on Hwy 49.

Introduction of Police Officer Candidate: Chief McGinnis introduced Jacob Allman-Thomas to the Village Council as a prospective new police officer. He graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Training in June, 2021.

10. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 07/31/21: Anita Blair reported the following reconciled bank balances at 07/31/21 as follows:

General Fund	\$700,788 (General Fund \$580,320 + ARPA \$120,468)
Powell Bill Fund	\$107,565
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 12,937 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

Ms. Blair noted the actual bank statement balance for the General Fund is \$700,788 which is comprised of \$580,320 unrestricted for the general fund and \$120,468 that is restricted American Rescue Plan Funds.

11. Grant Project Ordinance for Coronavirus State and local Fiscal Recovery Funds: A Grant Project Ordinance was presented upon the Village receiving the first tranche of funding in the amount of \$120,467.64. Total funds to be appropriated for the project are \$240,935.28 with expected revenues being the same over the life of the grant ordinance.

Jeff Watson moved to approve the Grant Project Ordinance. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

12. Historic Preservation Request for Certification as a Historic Building: Village Administrator, Anita Blair, requested the Village Council's permission to move forward with a "Study List Application" and a "Request for Certification as a Historic Building" for Gladstone Academy with the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources State Historic Preservation Office. If awarded, the certifications would allow the application of historic North Carolina building codes for future enhancements. Peter Edquist moved approval for the Administrator to proceed with the applications. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

13. Planning Board Appointment & Alternate Appointment: Anita Blair reported that Ahren Burrage, Planning Board 5th Alternate, is willing to serve on the Planning Board. Jeff Watson moved to appoint Ahren Burrage as a Planning Board Member, effective immediately. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

Emily Carella, VP recruitment/enrollment with Pfeiffer University was suggested last month as a potential Planning Board member. Jeff Watson moved to appoint Ms. Carella as the 5th Alternate which is now vacant with Ahren Burrage's appointment to the Planning Board. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

14. 20th Anniversary Planning Committee Discussion: Anita Blair suggested that a small "20th Anniversary Committee" be established to plan a celebration for the upcoming 20th Anniversary of the Village on June 26, 2023. A dynamic working committee including a representative from Pfeiffer University and Gray Stone Day School along a resident or two is desired. Council was encouraged to submit suggested names. Councilman, Jeff Watson, volunteered to be on the committee.

15. Other Business: Mayor Herron requested a **CLOSED SESSION** meeting.

At 7:00 pm, Jeff Watson moved to enter a closed session regarding personnel as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

At 7:19 pm, Jeff Watson moved to return to regular session. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

After returning to regular session, Jeff Watson moved to hire Jacob Allman-Thomas as a Tier 1 Police Officer. Mayor Herron seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

16. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date