

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, March 14, 2022 6PM

Council Present:	Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor Micah Edquist, Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Watson Mike Burrage Peter Edquist – arrived at agenda item #12	Staff:	Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk Erik McGinnis, Police Chief
		Visitor:	Ginger Efird, Clerk of Court Candidate Chad Efird Justin Shaffer, Limited Service Employee Candidate Patricia Shaffer

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 welcomed Ginger Efird, Chad Efird, Justin Shaffer and Patricia Shaffer.

5. Approval 03/14/22 Agenda: Micah Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

6. Approval of 02/14/22 Council Meeting Minutes: Jeff Watson moved to approve the Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

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

8. Clerk of Court Candidate Introduction – Ginger Efird: Ginger Efird introduced herself stating that she was a graduate of Pfeiffer University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. She worked for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney’s Office working specifically with domestic violence victims. After five years, she had the opportunity to come back and serve her own community in Stanly County. At that time there were four prosecutorial districts. She began working with child sex assault and abuse cases. In 2007, the districts were split. Stanly, Anson and Richmond became a district of their own. She then took a supervisory role as Administrative Assistant to the District Attorney which she holds today. She supervises all of the non-attorney staff, also making sure all attorneys are where they need to be at the specified times. She also works with homicide cases. Over her 21 years of service, she knows the contacts in Raleigh at the Administrative Office of the Courts on a first-name basis, and they know her. She feels this sets her apart and will allow her to “hit the ground running”, if elected.

9. Limited-Service Officer Candidate Introduction – Justin Shaffer: Chief McGinnis reported that Justin Shaffer worked for the Sheriff’s Office 14 ½ years and was assigned as one of the Richfield deputies. He has chosen to take a full-time position outside of law enforcement, but would like to continue with part-time law enforcement work. Chief McGinnis stated that “he would be an asset to our department. He knows the ropes and will have time to work as fill-in.”

All guests left at this time.

10. Police Report – February, 2022: The police report reflected 65 traffic stops, 25 total charges and 40 warning citations for the month of February, 2022. There was one mutual aid request from the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office and State Highway Patrol.

Micah Edquist moved to approve Justin Shaffer as a Limited-Service Officer. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

11. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 02/28/22: Finance Officer, Micah Edquist, reported the following reconciled bank balances at 02/14/22 as follows:

General Fund	\$711,004 (General Fund \$590,536 + ARPA \$120,468)
Powell Bill Fund	\$121,264
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 12,939 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

12. Budget Focus/Priorities – FY 22/23 – Anita Blair presented salary projection comparisons based on Council suggestions at the budget meeting on March 5, 2022. She explained the assumptions made for the calculations.

Peter Edquist arrived at this time.

Council requested that a \$2.50 per hour increase for everyone be calculated for the budget for assessment knowing that it may need to be changed once all revenue projections and expenses have been input.

Council reviewed budget considerations discussed at the 3/5/22 meeting along with proposed dollars for each and directed which items to incorporate into the proposed budget for next month.

Micah Edquist reported the he had spoken with David Drye regarding leasing the vacant lot across from Lloyd’s Antiques. He moved to offer Mr. Drye \$1,000 per year, up to a 3-year contract, and to move forward with drawing up a contract as soon as possible. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

13. Office Renovation Update: Anita Blair reported that the office is primarily finished and ready for move in once the furniture arrives which should be in approximately two weeks. Council was informed of the contributions that Pfeiffer University had made through many hours of labor for demolition, plumbing, electrical, and installation which was very much appreciated. She informed Council there is \$2,500 left in the budget with décor, a table and chairs, and printer/fax station, moving, and an awning still to be purchased and installed which is not going to fully cover the final needs. Approximately \$2000 out of the budget has been spent on a construction dumpster, portable john, storage unit, moving out, and cleaning. Council understood that a possible budget amendment could be forthcoming.

14. Other Business: No other business was brought forth.

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

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date