

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, June 13, 2022 6PM

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Mike Burrage
Jeff Watson

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

Visitor: Bryan Markus Lambert, Employee
Candidate

Council Absent: Micah Edquist
Peter Edquist

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 Bryan Markus Lambert.

5. Approval 06/13/22 Agenda: Jeff Watson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

6. Approval of 05/09/22 Council Meeting Minutes: Mike Burrage moved to approve the Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

7. Consideration and Approval of FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance, Memorandum & Pay Plan Presentation:

Public Hearing (Open, Hold, Close) Mayor Herron opened the public hearing.

Anita Blair reported an overall budget reduction in the amount of \$47,500 from the May, 2022 meeting. The adjustments included removing one of the vehicle loans of \$47,500 and the related car payments of \$9,800 due to Council’s vote last month to pay for one vehicle and finance one vehicle. This in turn added an additional fund balance appropriation of \$30,200. The Gladstone engineering expense of \$8000 was removed per Council’s request last month. An additional \$500 was added to cultural and recreational for hosting the Stanly County Council of Governments meeting and \$5,700 was reclassified from Capital Outlay to Cultural and Recreational for the Historic Nomination.

Ms. Blair noted that the Village of Misenheimer’s 20th Anniversary is June 26, 2023. If Council desires to wait until Pfeiffer University students return before having the celebration, the \$10,000 budgeted for the celebration should be removed from FY 22/23 budget before approval. Mayor Herron stated to leave the budget line item for now and if the date that Council decides on is after 6/30/23, a budget amendment can be made.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Herron closed the public hearing.

Mike Burrage moved to approve the budget ordinance, memorandum and pay plan as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

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

9. Police Report

- **Introduction of Police Officer Candidate – Bryan Markus Lambert** – Police Chief Erik McGinnis introduced Bryan “Markus” Lambert as a potential police officer candidate. Markus went through basic training at Stanly Community College and worked 2 ½ years in Concord. He is currently working at Dominion Energy, a natural gas company.

Mr. Lambert stated that he served 6 ½ years in the Air National Guard in North Carolina. He was deployed to Afghanistan twice. He desires to work for a smaller law enforcement agency with an opportunity to advance beyond a patrol officer.

- **Police Report – May, 2022** - The police report reflected 97 traffic stops, 46 total charges, 51 warning citations and 1 arrest for the month of May, 2022. There were five mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and State Highway Patrol. Due to recent mini storage break-ins in Richfield, the storage units in Misenheimer are being closely monitored.

Chief McGinnis reported that Helen Nance, Chief Administrative Officer, Gray Stone Day School, approached him about needs of the Misenheimer Police Department. He told her that an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) to monitor and assist with clearing the Carolina Thread Trail was on the wish list. John Deere makes a 4-wheel drive, 4-seater crossover with a bed that Ms. Nance is ordering. Chief McGinnis noted that a blue light may be added to the front and back.

Using the money for an officer to direct traffic was discussed in lieu of the ATV. Chief McGinnis stated that the traffic takes about 30 min in the morning and afternoon and it would not be cost effective to hire someone to do this. Once he gets a new officer in place, he will assist at the bridge to eliminate cars passing through the back side of campus.

10. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 05/31/22: Anita Blair reported the following reconciled bank balances at 5/31/22 as follows:

General Fund	\$725,551
Powell Bill Fund	\$121,340
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 12,940 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

11. Approve FY 22/23 Contracts: Anita Blair reviewed each of the following contracts for approval.

NCLM Worker's Compensation - Motion-Mike Burrage, Second-Jeff Watson, Approved 3/0

NCLM Property/Liability/Auto/Crime – Motion-Mike Burrage, Second-Jeff Watson, Approved 3/0

Audit Contract for 6/30/22 with William R. Huneycutt, CPA, PLLC – Motion-Mike Burrage, Second-Jeff Watson, Approved 3/0.

LEO Separation Allowance Contract – Motion-Mike Burrage, Second-Jeff Watson, Approved 3/0.

Pfeiffer University Homecoming Contract – Motion-Mike Burrage, Second-Jeff Watson, Approved 3/0.

12. Planning Board Appointments/Reappointments: Anita Blair reported that Lane Peeler and Jon Byers were both willing to serve another three-year term on the Planning Board if Council wished to reappoint them. Mike Burrage moved to reappoint Lane Peeler and Jon Byers to the Planning Board for three-year terms effective July 1, 2022.

13. Other Business:

Misenheimer Solar, LLC: Anita Blair reported that a Misenheimer resident had contacted her about a letter she had received from Misenheimer Solar along with a proposed “Solar Project Neighbor Agreement.” The letter and agreement were offering \$1000 annually for 30 years, and possibly up to 50 years, depending upon whether extended term options were exercised of 2 periods of 10 years each. The resident was highly concerned about this offer. Council directed Ms. Blair to contact our legal counsel for advice.

Police Officer Candidate: Mike Burrage moved to hire Bryan Markus Lambert for the vacant police officer position. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

Ralph Warren Mabry Jr. Property for sale on Lions Club Road: Anita Blair reported the price of the 1.69 acre property was \$37,500. She noted several zoning questions have arisen from potential buyers. Mayor Herron noted that he would entertain a substantially lesser price. Councilman Mike Burrage was not interested in the property at all. Discussion ended with no further interest in the property among Council members present.

14. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Pursuant to NCGS 143-319.11(a)(6) and Property Acquisition Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5): The Village Council did not go into closed session.

15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date