

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, June 12, 2023 6PM

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Jeff Watson
Peter Edquist
Micah Edquist, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jamie Hammill (newly appointed)

Staff: Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Visitors: Scott Miller, NCDOT
Sean Epperson, NCDOT
Dr. Scott Bullard, Pfeiffer University
Lanny Secrest, Resident

Council Absent: None

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. Time was spent in remembrance of former Councilman Mike Burrage.

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. No conflicts were noted.

4. Introduction of Visitors: Mayor Herron welcomed Dr. Scott Bullard, Sean Epperson, Scott Miller, and Jamie Hammill.

5. Approval 06/12/23 Council Meeting Agenda: Micah Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

6. Approval of 05/08/23 Council Meeting Minutes:

Regular Session Minutes: Micah Edquist moved to approve the Council meeting minutes as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

Close Session Minutes: Micah Edquist moved to approve the Closed Session Council meeting minutes as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

7. Village Council Member Vacancy Appointment: Micah Edquist moved to appoint Ellen Jamison Hammill to fill the remainder of Michael Burrage’s term of office through November, 2024. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Administer Oath of Office: Anita Blair administered the Oath of Office to Ellen Jamieson Hammill.

8. Village Council Deputy Finance Officer Appointment: Micah Edquist moved to appoint Mayor Herron as the Deputy Finance Officer. Upon Mayor Herron’s uncertainty to accept the position, Mr. Edquist withdrew his motion. Micah Edquist moved to appoint Jeff Watson as Deputy Finance Officer. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Administer Oath of Office: Anita Blair administered the Oath of Office to Jeff Watson.

9. Consideration and Approval of FY 23/24 Budget Ordinance, Memorandum & Pay Plan Presentation:

Public Hearing (Open, Hold, Close)

Mayor Herron opened the public hearing.

Anita Blair reported the changes to the budget from the first presentation in May, 2023 which included adding a police vehicle that had not arrived in FY 22/23 along with the budget reductions per Council last month.

Mayor Herron closed the public hearing.

Peter Edquist moved to approve the Budget Ordinance, Budget Memorandum and Pay Plan presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

10. NCDOT Presentation – Roundabout – US 52 & Merner Terrace Drive – Scott Miller & Sean Epperson:

Scott Miller and Sean Epperson with NCDOT Division 10 provided handouts and presented details about the proposed roundabout at US 52 and Merner Terrace at Pfeiffer University.

Currently, there are 8700 vehicles that pass through the proposed area daily.

Lanny Secrest arrived at 6:18 pm.

Scott Miller reported that the proposed roundabout would calm traffic and would not affect any structures at Pfeiffer University. Traffic modeling was performed which resulted in an F (worst movement) with maximum intersection volume to capacity being a 1.01 in the mornings. The afternoons resulted in a D with a .60 with a maximum intersection volume to capacity. Per the modeling the roundabout would bring both morning and afternoon to an A with maximum intersection volume to capacity of .47 and .46, respectively.

The cost of the project would be \$2-\$3 million at no cost to the Village of Misenheimer. The process starts with a Resolution from the Village. Mr. Epperson noted that the entire process will take about 2-3 years with the roundabout taking about 2 months to build.

Mr. Epperson stated that the location of the roundabout would allow Highway 52 to remain open during most of the construction.

Modeling was not performed on the crosswalks. Council requested that modeling be done due to concern about traffic backups when the HAWK crosswalk lights are activated before a decision is made.

Micah Edquist stated that he felt there could be a simpler solution to the problem such as changing school hours or an exit from the back side of Gray Stone Day School. He also questioned permanently altering the flow of Highway 52 when traffic control is only needed a portion of the year.

11. Public Comment Period: No public comments were heard.

12. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 05/31/23: Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 05/31/23 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 832,060
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 137,774
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 10,197 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

Budget Amendment(s): Micah Edquist moved to approve the budget amendments proposed:

- 1) to decrease Income: Loan Proceeds \$43,000 and to decrease Public Safety: MPD Vehicle Loan Payments \$5,400 and increase Fund Balance Reserve \$48,400 due to police vehicle not arriving before FY 6/30/23.
- 2) to decrease Cultural/Recreational: Anniversary Fest \$10,000, Other \$4,800 and increase Fund Balance Reserve \$14,800 due to the cancelation of the 20th Anniversary Celebration event.
- 3) to decrease General Government: Capital Outlay \$20,000 and increase Fund Balance Reserve \$20,000 due to Gladstone Shelter project delay.
- 4) to decrease Income: Powell Bill Appropriation Restricted \$46,000 and decrease General Government: Powell Bill-Streets/Sidewalks \$46,000 for Railroad Crossing that was not completed during FY 22/23.

Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

13. Chambers Engineering (EJCDC) Contract – Pfeiffer University Sidewalk – Anita Blair reported that the Chambers Engineering (EJCDC) proposed contract in the amount of \$9,800 was for preparation of design documents consisting of engineering plans, specifications, contract documents, and other supporting documents, regulatory permitting including preparation of all permit forms, submittal and coordination, bidding and solicitation, Resident Project Representative services and other services as needed to complete the project and/or additional services as directed by Owner. Proposed project consists of pedestrian sidewalks along US Hwy 52 generally located between Ward Drive and Merner Terrace.

Before the contract approval, Anita Blair reviewed and reported the following Powell Bill funds and the current commitments. Powell Bill funds as of May 31, 2023 are \$137,774 with \$60,000 already committed to the Wesley Chapel Railroad Crossing. This leaves \$77,774 for the sidewalk. There is \$50,000 from the Solar Farm agreement which could be used along with Fund Balance dollars if Council is so inclined.

Micah Edquist moved to approve the contract. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

14. Approve FY 23/24 Contracts: Anita Blair reviewed each of the following contracts for approval.

NCLM Worker’s Compensation - Motion-Jeff Watson, Second-Micah Edquist, Approved 5/0

NCLM Property/Liability/Auto/Crime – Motion-Jeff Watson, Second-Jamie Hammill, Approved 5/0

Audit Contract for 6/30/22 Tony Brewer CPA, PC - Motion-Micah Edquist, Second-Jamie Hammill, Approved 5/0.

LEO Separation Allowance Contract –Motion-Micah Edquist, Second-Peter Edquist, Approved 5/0.

Pfeiffer University Homecoming Contract – Motion-Peter Edquist, Second-Micah Edquist, Approved 5/0.

15. Personnel Policy Update – 2 additional holidays (to be determined) & Incentive Pay Policy: Micah Edquist moved to add Veterans Day and Presidents Day for the two additional Village full-time employee holidays. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Incentive Pay – Peter Edquist moved to add Incentive Pay for Village full-time employees as follows:

1-5 years - \$500

6-10 years - \$750

11-20 years - \$1,000

Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

16. Police Report – May, 2023: Council reviewed the police report in the absence of Chief McGinnis. The May, 2023 report reflected 33 traffic stops, 18 total charges, 15 warnings, 2 arrests, 52 total calls, 170 details and 385 security checks. There were 10 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office and State Highway Patrol.

Micah Edquist moved to approve Officer Markus Lambert as a Limited-Service Officer due to his resignation as a full-time police officer. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

17. Other Business: No other business was heard.

18. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date