

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, February 12, 2024 6PM

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Micah Edquist – Mayor Pro Tem
Jamie Hammill
Jeff Watson

Staff: Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk
Erik McGinnis, Police Chief
Lanny Secrest, Resident
Meghan Burgess, Resident

Council Absent: 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. No conflicts were noted.

4. Introduction of Visitors: Mayor Herron welcomed Lanny Secrest and Meghan Burgess.

5. Approval 02/12/24 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 01/08/24 Council Meeting Minutes: Jamie Hammill moved to approve the 01/08/24 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. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 01/31/24 : Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 01/31/24 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 745,997
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 88,880

9. Village Square Landscape Plan Specifics: A breakdown of costs for the Village Square Landscape Plan was presented. Council reviewed each section, discussing and approving as follows:

Landscape – as presented at January, 2024 Council meeting for remediation plan plus fencing and rock columns.

Electrical – run power underground to a small 100 amp panel.
Additional costs will be incurred for low level lighting and installation.

Water – install tap and run a water line to a specified area for future use.

Flagpole – light from top of flagpole and purchase two flags - an American Flag and North Carolina Flag.

Pavers – around the flagpole and for walkways, increase width of the main path to 6’ and side paths to 5’.
Additional costs will be incurred for added width of sidewalks.

Benches – Seven

Refresh Parking Lot – to be determined later

The above items totaled \$65,322.59 but did not include lighting and installation, the additional cost of the extending the width of the sidewalks, flags, or refreshing the parking lot.

Micah Edquist moved to approve the blanket costs of the items discussed above. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Micah Edquist moved to commence grading for the project immediately. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

10. Solar Farm Update: Anita Blair reported that the Forestry Plan has been installed. Jeremy Shaver, owner of Nature's Vision, LLC, is performing the final review. An "as built" plan will be provided to the Village. Once the Forestry Plan has been reviewed and approved by our landscape consultant, the Village Administrator will sign off on the plan. The solar farm should be completed in approximately one month.

11. Election Filing Fees: Micah Edquist moved to set the election filing fees at \$5.00 for 2024. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

12. Police Report – January, 2024: Chief Erik McGinnis reviewed the January, 2024 Police Report. The report reflected 38 traffic stops, 27 total charges, 11 warnings, 2 arrests, 102 total calls, 199 details and 340 security checks. There were 4 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office.

Chief McGinnis reported that Duke Energy is replacing street lights along Highway 52 in front of Pfeiffer University with LED lights.

Mayor Herron inquired about the lighting and safety of the southernmost crosswalk at Pfeiffer University. The Chief reported that the Village Council had budgeted money for two consecutive years to assist with that effort, but the Pfeiffer Facilities Director at the time never utilized the offers. Chief McGinnis suggested investigating small pillars with light at the crosswalks and will suggest to the University.

13. Other Business: The Village Administrator reported receiving a land offer for the 1.68 acre parcel number 6613-04-64-7293 on Wesley Chapel Road. The offer came from DreamLand Investing located in San Francisco in the amount of \$20,366.56. The tax value of the parcel is \$9,660. Council was not interested in pursuing.

Mayor Herron called for a recess.

14. Budget Focus/Priorities – FY 24/25: The following topics were discussed and Council updated for budget consideration this year:

Powell Bill – The balance at 1/31/24 was \$87,880. All will be expended on the Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) Railroad Crossing plus some from the General Fund approved at the 8/14/23 Council meeting. The contractor, NJR Group, is waiting on the insurance approval but all other approvals are in place.

Sidewalks – Council expressed interest in a sidewalk starting from the Pfeiffer Library parking going past Darrell's barber shop and the Graystone Building to the railroad crossing.

Sewer – ARPA money received (\$240,935) is free and clear but has been earmarked for sewer. A BRIC Grant with a 90/10 match will possibly be available later in the year. Council wishes to have further discussion with Stanly County and the Commissioners.

Lions Club Road – Budget up to \$6000 to gravel again and to have operator fix potholes.

Gladstone – Wait on quote from Denny Wagoner.

Community Building – sell the picnic tables

Village Square – signs and rules will be needed

Village Entry Signs – Two-column stone signs will likely cost \$15,000 - \$17,000 each. Get prototype and pricing. Mayor would like to incorporate the seal.

Personnel – base on COLA at 3.3% and determine the cost

Police Department – investigate leasing

Village Administrator – Quick Books online subscription – desktop version not supported after 5/31/24.
Commercial Grade Paper Shredder

Nuisance Properties – several properties were identified to begin proceedings

15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date