

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, September 9, 2024 6PM

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

Staff: Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk
Markus Lambert, Interim Police Chief

Visitors: Billy, Nicole, Abigail, & Carter Cagle

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.

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: Interim Chief Markus Lambert introduced Billy Cagle, a former deputy with the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office for 14 1/2 years.

5. Approval 09/09/24 Council Meeting Agenda: Micah Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

6. Approval of 8/12/24 Council Meeting Minutes: Jeff Watson moved to approve the 8/12/24 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

7. Public comment Period: No public comments were heard.

8. Introduction of Police Officer Candidate: Chief Lambert continued the introduction of Billy Cagle. Mr. Cagle served 6 years in Norwood and the last 14 ½ years with the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office, with the past 2 years serving in the Richfield Division. He was awarded the 2005 Shrine Club Officer of the Year in Norwood. Mr. Cagle is a trained dive master for 20 years, has attended crisis intervention training, and is eligible for his intermediate certificate.

9. Police Report – August, 2024: Council reviewed the Police Report from August, 2024. The report reflected 6 traffic stops, 2 total charges, 4 warnings, 0 arrests, 161 total calls, 167 details and 350 security checks.

Body Camera – 5-year contract: Chief Lambert reported that our previous body camera 5-year agreement with Preferred Communications is in its third year. WRAP Intrensic has recently taken over these agreements. Due to the transition, a new 5-year contract is needed. The cost is \$12,447.50 for 5 years with yearly payments of \$2,489.50. The previous 5-year agreement was \$2,505.41 per year.

Micah Edquist moved to approve the 5-year body camera contract with WRAP Intrensic. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

10. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 8/31/24 : Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 8/31/24 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 679,579
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 22,395

Finance Officer, Micah Edquist, commented that as we develop, continued maintenance and ongoing expenses are part of growth. There are few substantial revenues to offset new and ongoing expenses. Increasing tax rates and ways to increase the tax base should be considered.

Areas of interest and improvement noted were:

- 1) softening the termination of the Wesley Chapel Railroad sidewalk
- 2) consider developing a park at Gladstone
- 3) future sidewalks

Budget Amendment FY 24/25

Amendment #4 – Micah Edquist moved to approve Budget Ordinance #4 to amend the FY 24/25 budget to cover expenses for the additional salary increases approved in August, 2024. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Amendment #5 – Micah Edquist moved to approve Budget Ordinance #5 to amend the FY 24/25 budget to cover the remaining costs for the Village Square that was budgeted in FY 23/24 and not completed until FY 24/25. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Amendment #6 –Peter Edquist moved to approve Budget Ordinance #6 to amend the FY 24/25 budget to cover Public Safety training costs. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Administrator Blair reported that a bill was received for an in-car radio for the 2023 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$5,910.77 that was not budgeted. Chief Lambert stated that the shed budgeted for \$6,370 could wait until next year and that funding could be used to purchase the radio.

Council asked Chief Lambert to research the cost of a shed that could encompass storage too.

11. Other Business: No other business was heard.

12. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6):

Micah Edquist moved to enter closed session to discuss personnel pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Peter Edquist moved to return to open session. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Micah Edquist moved to hire Billy Cagle as a full-time police officer. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date