

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Tuesday, December 9, 2024 6PM

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Jeff Watson
Micah Edquist (arrived at 6:50 pm)
Peter Edquist

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

Visitors: Matthew Rathbone, Proposed Police Officer Candidate

Council Absent: Jamie Hammill

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 introduced Matthew Rathbone.

5. Oaths of Office – Newly Elected Council Members – Jeff Watson, Jamie Hammill: Anita Blair administered the Oath of Office to Jeff Watson. Jamie Hammill was absent.

6. Organizational Meeting – Election of Officers for Two (2) Year Terms Ending 2026 & Oaths of Office

Elect Mayor – Jeff Watson nominated and moved to elect Michael “Frizbee” Herron as Mayor. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

Elect Mayor Pro Tem – Jeff Watson nominated and moved to elect Micah Edquist as Mayor Pro Tem. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

Michael Herron was sworn in as Mayor.

7. Approval of 12/09/24 Council Meeting Agenda: Jeff Watson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

8. Approval of 11/12/24 Council Meeting Minutes: Jeff Watson moved to approve the 11/12/24 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

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

10. Proposed Ordinance Amending the Village Charter to Adopt the Council-Manager Form of Government:

Public Hearing (Open, Hold, Close)

Mayor Herron opened the Public Hearing and read the proposed ordinance.

No public comments were heard.

Mayor Herron closed the Public Hearing

11. Introduction of Proposed Police Officer Candidate – Chief Lambert introduced Matthew Rathbone. He has been in law enforcement for 22 years. He currently works for Allied Universal, a security company, and works part-time for the Town of Rockwell.

12. Council Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2025: Peter Edquist moved to approve the 2025 Council Meeting Calendar. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

13. Council and Staff Appointments (Primary & Alternate(s) if Applicable):

NCDOT/RRRPO TCC Representative & Alternate (Staff) – Jeff Watson moved to appoint Anita Blair as the Primary Representative and Markus Lambert as the Alternate for the RRRPO TCC. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

NCDOT/RRRPO TAC Representative & Alternate (Elected Officials subject to SEI) – Jeff Watson moved to appoint Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron as the Primary Representative and himself as the Alternate for the RRRPO TAC. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

Centralina Regional Council Delegate & Alternate (Elected Officials) – Jeff Watson moved to appoint Jamie Hammill as the Delegate and himself as the Alternate. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

14. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 11/30/24 : Anita Blair reported the following reconciled bank balances at 11/30/24 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 681,127
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 11,990

15. Lawn Care Quote: A quote was presented from the current lawn care provider, Yard Tune Up, for 2025. Peter Edquist moved to approve the Yard Tune Up quote in the amount of \$320 per month for Gladstone, the Community Building, and the Village Square. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

16. Police Report – November 30, 2024: Interim Chief Lambert reported the police activity for November 30, 2024. There were 218 security checks, 3 general disturbances, 3-911 hangups, 2 animal complaints, 4 Fire/EMS assists, 4 traffic accidents, 5 traffic stops, 5 suspicious activities, 4 investigations on campus, 1 psychiatric disturbance, and 1 motorist assist.

17. Other Business: No other business was heard.

Matthew Rathbone left at 6:44 pm.

18. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6): Peter 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 3/0.

Micah Edquist arrived at 6:50 pm during closed session.

Peter Edquist moved to return to open session. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Micah Edquist moved to hire Markus Lambert as the permanent Chief of the Village of Misenheimer. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Micah Edquist moved to hire Matthew Rathbone as a full-time police officer contingent upon proper documentation. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Micah Edquist left the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Jeff Watson moved to elect Peter Edquist and Jeff Watson as Deputy Finance Officer. Frizbee seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

Anita Blair administered the Oaths of Office to Jeff Watson and Peter Edquist as Deputy Finance Officers.

Mayor Herron administered the Oath of Office as Finance Officer to Anita Blair.

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

Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date