

MINUTES
Foxfire Village Council
Regular Business Meeting
August 12, 2025 ~ 4:30 PM
Village Hall Meeting Room

1. Call to Order: Mayor Gregorich called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM
2. Members Present: Mayor Pro Temp Janet Nauman, Councilmembers Mary Gilroy, Warren Morgan, and Don Nelson
3. Others Present: Police Chief Michael Amezquita and members of the public.
4. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
Councilmember Mary Gilroy led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Approval of August 12, 2025, Regular Business Meeting Agenda

Mayor Gregorich added *SMPO Western Bypass* to her report. Councilmember Gilroy added *MC Land Use Plan (LUP)* under new business and Mayor Pro Temp Nauman added *Foxfire Blvd Update* to her report.

Councilmember Morgan moved to approve the August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Nelson and carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda

All items listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and without discussion.

A. Approval of Minutes

- July 8, 2025 Regular Business Meeting
- July 31, 2025 Work Session

Councilmember Nelson moved to adopt the consent agenda as written, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and carried unanimously.

7. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Gregorich reminded those in attendance that public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker and there will be not back and forth dialog. Comments are directed at the mayor as the council leader, and she may respond if the answer is factual.

Sally Cunliffe – 1 Ridge Road asked if there would be a meeting introducing the candidates running for election. Mayor Gregorich replied it was under her report on this evening's agenda.

8. Zoning Report – Lisa Kivett

- Zoning Activity for July 9 through August 12th.

Currently a total of twenty-one (21) homes are under construction or in the beginning stages of lot clearing.

Two (2) Single Family Residence Application:

*174 Vista Ridge East
South Shamrock*

Four (4) Certificate of Zoning Compliance issued:

*1 Foxfire Blvd Unit #2
130 Vista Ridge
909 Tufts Vista
69 Richmond Rd.*

Other Permits Issued:

*One (1) pool
Two (2) Fence
Two (2) Accessory Building*

- County Request for Street Name in Grande Pines

Ms. Kivett reported that Pete Mace subdivided a parcel located in Grande Pines and established a

utility easement between the parcels. He has requested that the easement be named “Nora Lynn CT.” and has submitted the proposed name to Moore County GIS and the Public Safety Department. Both departments have approved the request, pending the Village’s approval of the name. Brief discussion followed.

Mayor Gregorich moved to approve the road name request, “Nora Lynn Ct.”, which the county has previously approved, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Temo Nauman asked if the road name signage would be the same as others in the Village Mayor Gregorich replied that it would not, Grande Pines make their own signs.

9. Council Member Reports:

A. Finance – Mary Gilroy

- Financial Report

Councilmember Gilroy reported the following balances as of July 31, 2025.

The total cash balance in the general fund is \$3,508,701.59 consisting of the First Bank checking, money market, petty cash and Capital Trust accounts. The total cash balance in the water fund is \$1,117,503.14, consisting of First Bank checking, money market capital project accounts, petty cash and Capital Trust accounts.

- Rescind Budget Amendment #2025-15 – General Fund – Adopted on 07/08/2025
(*Vehicle Maintenance and Insurance Proceeds*)

Gilroy asked to rescind Budget Amendment 2025-15, adopted on July 8, 2025, which increased vehicle maintenance and decreased insurance proceeds. After review, we found that insurance proceeds should be recorded as revenue, not reduced. Therefore, both vehicle maintenance and insurance proceeds will be shown as increases and a rewritten amendment needs adopted.

Mayor Gregorich moved to rescind Budget Amendment #2025-15, Adopted in 07/08/2025, seconded by Councilmember Gilroy and carried unanimously.

- Adopt Rewritten Budget Amendment #2025-15 – General Fund
(*Vehicle Maintenance and Insurance Proceeds*)

Councilmember Gilroy moved to adopt Rewritten Budget Amendment #2025-15, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and carried unanimously.

B. Streets and Park – Janet Nauman

- Foxfire Blvd. Update

Nauman reported that work began last week on Foxfire Boulevard from Richmond up to the clubhouse. Rain caused delays over the weekend, and while most of the work was completed yesterday, the section from Richmond to the clubhouse still needs to be finished. Unfortunately, rain continues to hold up progress, and the contractors cannot move forward until conditions are much drier due to the materials involved. At this point, no completion date can be given, due to expected rain throughout the rest of the week.

She’s been checking with the project manager daily and he’s confirmed that cars parked along the road should not be an issue unless they are not parked right on the edge. The few vehicles parked there are parked far enough to allow the equipment to pass safely. If there is an issue, the Police Chief said he could identify vehicle owners and we can notify them directly, but for now, parking is not a concern.

C. Public Safety – Don Nelson

Police Chief Amezquita provided the following report:

- Last month was busy with both routine activity and several important initiatives.

- One patrol vehicle is down due to transmission failure. It's at the dealership under warranty, with parts on national backorder. The dealership believes one may be available soon. All costs are covered.
- Officers continue to work with State and local agencies on traffic enforcement through the Governor's Highway Safety Program. These efforts both support surrounding agencies and earn points for equipment purchases that benefit the Village.
- Earlier this year we had some vehicle break-ins locally. This is spreading across several states, and our department has been sharing intelligence with other agencies in hopes of making some arrests. Most recently, vehicle break-ins were reported at several fitness centers early in the morning around 5:30 am.
- Residents are reminded to lock vehicles and homes and store valuables out of sight. Officers have been conducting late-night patrols to deter crime in vulnerable areas.
- The speed sign on Hoffman is operational again and will be relocated shortly.
- Officers recorded five DWIs last month.
- The Back-to-School Supply Drive has had an excellent turnout, with donations collected at the Police Department and Fox Brew Coffee House. Supplies will be distributed to local schools in partnership with a West End organization.
- Officers conducted safety walkthroughs at West Pine Elementary, Middle, and the High Schools to establish emergency response plans. Maps and layouts will now be kept in patrol cars for quick access in case of a critical event. Mayor Gregorich asked if he had contacted Samracand if they had maps or layouts of the school. Chief replied he was in contact with them.
- The department is in the process of onboarding a new reserve officer. Reserve officers are unpaid but serve to keep their state certification active while assisting the department by working the required 96 hours per year. This benefits both the officer and the Village by providing extra coverage when needed.

Councilmember Nelson provided a Fire Dept. update for the previous month. West end Fire answered a total of 102 calls, 34 of them inside the Village. They have had problems with the air conditioner and are seeking quotes for repair or replacement of the unit. Councilmember Gilroy added that the Village is only responsible for the outside of the building and not the air conditioning unit. This information is within the lease agreement with the fire department.

D. Water Department – Councilmember Morgan

On July 28th, the State approved the engineering plans and specifications for Well #13. Construction is now underway. The site has been prepared, the concrete forms have been built, and the driveway is in place. He met with the contractor, Russell Underwood, who assured him they are doing everything possible to expedite the project. I reminded him that the most recent deadline of July has already passed, and he is aware of the urgency. Once construction is complete, the State must issue one final approval before the well can be placed into service.

The drilling on Hoffman that was scheduled for mid-July has been delayed, largely due to weather. Mr. Underwood has confirmed that his team wants the work completed as much as we do and will continue pushing forward.

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman expressed her concerns with phone and internet lines being cut due to contractors not calling 811 to mark the lines. Morgan replied that the contractor has generally been diligent about coordinating with 811, and our water department has already marked our own lines. Other utilities in the area should be notified and marked as well, since this project involves boring under a state highway.

Morgan reported the pumping hours are averaging around 9 hours per day, which keeps the Village in a Stage 1 conservation. Stage 1 begins at more than 10 hours per day, Stage 2 (mandatory restrictions) begins at more than 12 hours, and Stage 3 begins at more than 14 hours. Thanks to recent rainfall, our pumping demand has stayed at 8–9 hours, but we continue to ask all residents to conserve water whenever possible. Conservation remains the key to ensuring stable supply.

E. Mayors Report – Janice Gregorich

- House Bill 369 – Parking Lot Reform and Modernization Act

Mayor Gregorich reported that HB 369 will amend NC General Statute 160D-702 and prohibit towns from requiring off-street parking minimums for developments or structures, regardless of use or occupancy. It is focused on shifting power to developers and reducing zoning authority at the local level. Although receiving two favorable readings in the House, it has not yet passed. If enacted, it could have serious impacts on communities with narrow streets that cannot accommodate on-street parking and could affect both multifamily housing and general residential developments. Residents are encouraged to contact Representative Neil Jackson and Senator McInness to express their concerns. The mayor suggested that the council draft a formal letter voicing the village's position.

- Schedule a Special Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS § 143-318-11 (a)(6) Personnel

Mayor Gregorich polled the council regarding availability for a special closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Following brief discussion, she scheduled the Special Closed Session for Tuesday, August 19th at 8:00 a.m. in the Village Hall Meeting Room. Ms. Kivett would post the appropriate public notice.

- November 2025 Municipal Elections – Meet the Candidate Night Meeting(s)

Mayor Gregorich suggested, as done in previous elections, holding a Meet the Candidates Night for residents to meet and hear from council candidates. After discussion, the council agreed to schedule the events **for October 16th and October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.**

Candidates will be asked to submit a bio and responses to a set of questions, which will be posted on the village website. Residents may also submit questions to candidates; these will be screened by the council (excluding Councilmember Nauman, who is a candidate) and the village clerk to ensure impartiality.

Due to space limits, attendance will be managed through SignUpGenius. If needed, more than one session may be scheduled. Residents are encouraged to sign up for e-Notify to stay updated.

- SMPO Western Bypass

Mayor Gregorich reported that the Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO), which works with the NC Department of Transportation on regional projects, has again raised discussions about the proposed Western Connector. Maps of the original proposed route were provided.

She emphasized that such a project would be devastating to Foxfire, potentially eliminating homes, impacting the golf course, and failing to resolve the traffic congestion on Route 5, which is primarily caused by development and railroad limitations. Previous studies confirmed that a bypass through Foxfire would not alleviate the traffic issues.

The mayor encouraged residents to attend the next SMPO meeting on September 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at Pinehurst Village Hall (Magnolia Street). She also recommended the council prepare a formal letter of objection to be reviewed at the next work session and entered into the record.

10. New Business:

- Moore County Land Use Plan (LUP)

Councilmember Gilroy distributed copies of *Chapter 7, Our Future*, from the proposed Moore County Land Use Plan. She noted that while the plan looks 10–20 years ahead, several recommendations could significantly affect Foxfire and should be closely monitored. She specifically addressed the possible

negative impact to Foxfire from **Action 1.1.1, p.113 (Agricultural Transition Overlay District) and Small-Town Overlay District (Recommendation Two)**. She emphasized that the impact of these policies would be especially concerning if Foxfire were to lose its ETJ authority, as the village would have less control over development. She will continue to monitor county commissioner and the planning board meetings and provide updates.

11. Old Business:
NONE

12. Public Comment Period - Comments on items listed on this agenda.

Chris Kragel 25 Pine Tree Terrace asked if a reserve police officer is injured while driving a Village owned car or on the job, is he covered under insurance. Mayor Gregorich replied that reserve officers are covered under Workers Comp and under the Village liability insurance.

Maryanne Lauer 22 Deer Track asked whether the vehicles broken into had been unlocked. Mayor Gregorich responded that she believes the incidents at the park involved unlocked cars and suggested Ms. Lauer speak with the Police Chief outside the meeting for more details. She also noted that Ms. Lauer could email any additional questions to Lisa Kivett, who would forward them to the council.

13. Adjourn

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Morgan and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM.



Lisa A. Kivett, MMC, NCCMC, CZO
Village Administrator/Clerk



Janice Gregorich
Mayor