

MINUTES
Foxfire Village Council
Regular Business Meeting
September 9, 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 Amezcuita, and Several 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 September 9, 2025, Regular Business Meeting Agenda

Mayor Gregorich added *County Mayor/Manager Meeting Update* to her report.

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting agenda as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman 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

- August 12, 2025 Regular Business Meeting
- August 28, 2025 Work Session

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

7. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda

Colleen Schlenker – 2 Sunset Lane asked why updates on the village pool and well project is not listed under “Old Business” on each agenda. She suggested including a brief progress update at every meeting since these are ongoing issues of public interest.

Sally Cunliffe – 1 Sunset Lane requested that the pool update posted on the website be refreshed monthly, even if no progress has occurred. She recommended listing simple notes such as “no change” or “inspection complete” to keep residents informed.

8. Council Member Reports:

A. Finance – Mary Gilroy

- Financial Report

Councilmember Gilroy reported that final figures will not be available until the upcoming work session. She did provide council with financial numbers through September 9th.

She added that updates on property foreclosures, insolvency list, and real property tax collections are still being finalized and should be available by the upcoming work session.

- Budget Amendment #2025-19 (Retroactive)

Councilmember Gilroy introduced Budget Amendment #2025-19 for the water fund which is **retroactive for fiscal year 2024-2025**. The amendment corrects the account classification for funds associated with new well #13 construction project. Funds are currently in the 60 account (New Well Construction and Capital Project Fund) and will transfer to the 85 account (Capital Project Account) that is specifically for the well. The amendment decreases Revenue account 60-3359-900 by \$223,686, and Expenditure account 60-710-681 by \$223,686.

Mayor Gregorich moved to approve Budget Amendment #2025-19 with the recommended change that the amendment is retroactive fiscal year 2024-2025, seconded by Councilmember Gilroy and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Morgan asked for clarification on water billing month to date revenues. Ms. Gilroy clarified the figures on the Budget vs. Actual.

B. Streets and Park – Janet Nauman

- **Pickleball Courts Update**

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman reported that the pickleball courts were recently cleaned, and before-and-after photos were shared with the council to show the results. The contractor also repaired several cracks and holes in the surface. The cleaning was completed satisfactorily, and the courts are in good condition.

The contractor suggested a sealant be applied to the courts to preserve the surface and extend their lifespan. The one-time cost for this is \$675. The council agreed it would be best to do now since the courts were freshly cleaned and repaired. The council gave consensus approval to proceed if funds are available.

C. Water Department – Warren Morgan

Councilman Morgan reported that well #13 construction is progressing slowly. The foundation pad is complete and work on the building is expected to begin this week. Any updates will be posted to the Village website and shared at council meeting.

He also noted the cross-connection (backflow prevention) program is being updated, with a simplified ordinance expected for a vote at an upcoming meeting. Residents were reminded that ground sprinkler systems and certain swimming pools require testable backflow preventers, tested every three years, with results submitted to the village. Non-compliant residents will be notified.

D. Public Safety – Don Nelson

Councilmember Nelson asked Chief Amezcuita to provide a report for the previous month.

Chief Amezcuita distributed a monthly activity log and reported the following:

- They have responded to a steady volume of calls and incidents, including several DWIs and officer training events.
- The 2023 Dodge Charger patrol vehicle had its transmission replaced under warranty.
- Officer Coughenour completed Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training. This will increase his DWI enforcement capabilities.
- The speed sign on Hoffman Road has been relocated and is fully operational.
- The department did not receive a grant this year due to the Counties “Tier One” funding status. Future grant opportunities will be pursued.
- The School Supply Drive was highly successful, generating approximately \$33,280 in donated supplies. 112 filled backpacks were distributed directly to students in need, and 79 additional backpacks and boxes of supplies were provided to local schools.
- Chief Amezcuita expressed appreciation to citizens, the FPOA, Fox Brew Coffee House, Jess War Jeeps, and other community partners.
- Plans are underway for the annual Foxfire Police Community Safety Exchange & Q&A, tentatively scheduled for October 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Village Meeting Room.

Councilmember Morgan asked what the department’s process is for addressing ordinance violations. Chief Amezcuita responded they monitor ordinance compliance as part of their routine patrols. Violations are first addressed verbally. If they remain unresolved, a written warning is issued, documenting the ordinance and dates of notice. Continued noncompliance may result in a citation, daily fines, or civil action. The enforcement is coordinated with the Village Clerk, and most residents respond promptly. Brief discussion followed.

E. Mayors Report – Janice Gregorich

- Proposed Budget Amendment #2025-17 – Bamboo Clearing

Mayor Gregorich reported the proposed amendment #2025-17 is for clearing the bamboo stand located on the side of Village Hall, between the driveway and the wooded area. The bamboo stand is extensive and requires removal for proper site maintenance. The contractor advised it should be cut and the roots removed or plowed out. The contractor will haul away the debris. Once cleared, the area will be planted with grass and maintained through regular mowing. Discussion ensued on the clearing project and costs for the excavator, hauling of debris, and grass seed.

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve Budget Amendment #2025-17 for Bamboo Clearing, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and unanimously carried.

- Proposed Budget Amendment #2025-18 – Security Camera System for Village Hall and Police Department

Mayor Gregorich reported the second proposed amendment was for the purchase and installation of security cameras at the Town Hall and Police Department, covering both buildings and parking lots. The estimated cost for cameras is approximately \$900, which includes installation. The cameras will be wired, similar to those at the park, physically and not by wi-fi. Volunteers have offered to assist with the installation. Councilmember Gilroy suggested using the miscellaneous funds in the current budget, which total approximately \$1,000.

After brief discussion, the council decided not to pursue a formal budget amendment. The security camera project will proceed using miscellaneous funds and volunteer labor for installation.

- Moore County Mayor/Manager Meeting Update

Mayor Gregorich provided an update on the September 8th Mayor/Manager meeting. The county officials reported efforts to fast-track the land use plan for completion by year-end. The goal is to encourage clustered development along the 695 corridor, 211 corridor, and Seven Lakes area to prevent urban sprawl and facilitate infrastructure like water and sewer. The county is also exploring additional stable water sources, including Crystal Lake (80 acres) and High Falls, due to expiring water contracts with towns like Southern Pines and Aberdeen. Discussion followed.

Another item of discussion was the **North Carolina America 250 Initiative**, a government-supported program celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States. A website was created here in Moore County, www.America250.nc.gov which provides information on events, ideas for communities, and ways to get involved. A movie related to the America 250 celebration is being shown in various towns and perhaps Foxfire could consider sponsoring a local screening as part of the celebration.

We're also looking for volunteers to join a planning committee. Citizens interested in brainstorming ideas and helping plan events can email the village with suggestions. Information will be put on the Village website and handouts in the lobby.

Mayor Gregorich addressed an earlier public comment regarding updates on the pool and water project.

Pool Project: No new updates yet. Updates will be added to "Old Business" at future meetings.

Water Project: The connection under Hoffman has not yet been drilled. Weekly meetings continue with the project manager and water operator to monitor progress.

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

Tom McClellen, 3 Dogwood Court shared that bamboo removal may require digging down one to two feet to prevent regrowth, based on his experience in Virginia. The contractor will remove the roots, and once grass is established and mowed, bamboo should not return.

Sally Cunliffe, 1 Ridge Road suggested looking into purchasing insurance for potential fireworks and a Fourth of July picnic at the pool for the America 250 celebration.

Gerard Frederick, 27 Eagle Drive asked for clarification about the water project contract, including timeline, performance clauses, and liquidated damages.

10. Adjourn

Councilmember Gilroy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.



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



Janice Gregorich
Mayor