

MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Foxfire Village Hall
March 10, 2015 – 6:30 PM

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4. **Moment of Silence:** Mayor Durham requested those present to pause for a moment of silence. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.
5. **Additions and Approval of Agenda:**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Councilman McCue made a motion to adopt the agenda as written seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frusco and carried unanimously.
6. **Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - February 10, 2015 Regular Meeting
 - February 26, 2015 Work Session

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End of Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco made a motion to adopt the consent agenda seconded by Councilman McCue and carried unanimously.

7. Public Comment Period:

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Mayor Durham replied that his comment at the previous meeting had nothing to do with wanting to get out of the meeting early. He was explaining that the efficiency of the meeting was simply a function of the Council’s interest in doing business at work sessions, which are 2 to 2 ½ hours long of conversation and a lot of work. The regular business meeting is for taking action.

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Mayor Durham added that two open meetings are conducted per month. The regular meeting is for taking action(s) and provides two opportunities for public comments. The work sessions are for the Council to conduct their work. The work sessions were moved from the Administration Office to the Village Hall to accommodate more people who would like to come. In addition, the Council has conducted extra budget work sessions and two Citizen Participation meetings regarding the budget for the past few years.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco elaborated on Mayor Durham's comments. She added that this council works very hard to communicate with the residents.

8. Planning & Zoning Board Report – Mary Gilroy

Planning & Zoning Chair Mary Gilroy reported that Attorney Michael Brough was emailed regarding accessory buildings in the RS40 district and she waiting for a response.

A list of all extra-territorial property owners with addresses was prepared by Moore County GIS. This list will be helpful in the event that ETJ residents need to be informed of anything. The list was forwarded to Lisa Kivett as well.

Councilman Sedlak asked if an email generated to council from Mike Brough regarding architectural design standards would affect the Village ordinances. Mayor Durham replied not at this point. Mr. Brough was just letting the Council know that there is a Bill in the works that could ultimately impact the zoning ordinances. Brief discussion ensued on the proposed Bill (SB25).

9. Councilmember's Reports:

A. Finance – Leslie Frusco

1. Finance Report

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco reported cash balances as of February 28, 2015. The general fund total was \$1,554,466. Of this amount, \$1,157,370 is unrestricted. The remaining amount is restricted and made up of the debt service fund, an assigned fund for future debt service, the capital reserve fund (\$141,000) and the Stonehill Pines Fund.

The water fund balance is \$601,520. Of this amount, \$136,000 is restricted for future wells. The unrestricted amount is \$465,444.51. In a couple of weeks, the Woodland Circle annual payment is due in the amount of \$178,000.

As of March 10, 2015, the Village is 98.67% collected on the actual property taxes with 101% actually collected over the budgeted amount. A new individual at the attorneys office is assisting Sharon Sanchez with the collection of past due taxes and foreclosures. He is very good at responding to us and keeping Sharon informed.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco reminded Council of the budget work session on March 24th and that preliminary budget figures are due to Sharon by March 20th.

B. Public Safety – Mick McCue

1. Appearance Committee

Councilman McCue reported the last time Council met they briefly discussed the Appearance Commission and whether or not they should be reviewing house plans. He reviewed the General Statutes governing Appearance Commissions and the Village Ordinance, made some suggested changes and sent them out to Council for review. In the meantime, Lisa Kivett questioned why we have the Appearance Commission and Board of Adjustment created within the Zoning Appendix and the Planning & Zoning Board created in its own Chapter 26, when we have a Chapter 2 entitled Administration, Article IV-Boards, Commissions and Committees which is currently left blank. Councilman McCue drafted an ordinance amendment that would move the composition of the Board of Adjustment, the Appearance Commission, and the Planning & Zoning Board to Chapter 2. There have been no substantive changes to the Planning & Zoning Board or Board of Adjustment in what they do. The amendments to the Appearance Commission would be in regards to reviewing house plans. He plans to provide Council with a copy of the draft

amendment for discussion at the next work session. Some of the proposed changes will require a public hearing.

C. Water Department – Jon Sedlak

1. Water Update

Councilman Sedlak reported receiving only one estimate in the amount of \$4,200 for the repair/replacement of the pool pump house. There was a brief discussion on the estimate. Mayor Pro Tem Frusco suggested that Councilman Sedlak seek a second estimate.

D. Streets and Park – Vic Koos

1. Streets Update

Councilman Koos reported the Woodland Circle entrance paving is scheduled for April 7, 2015. The road will be paved from the entrance up just past the median, but not all the way to Wildwood. In addition, they will pave a strip on Forrest Lake Drive just before the dam.

The sand and dirt runoff on N. Shannock is being reviewed. Ditches in this area were built several years ago. They are not effectively catching the water because the land area before the ditch has crowned, preventing the water from reaching the ditch.

E. Mayors Report – Steve Durham

1. Comprehensive Transportation Plan Public Meetings

Mayor Durham reported that on March 23rd and 24th, there will be Public Meetings conducted by the Moore County Transportation Committee (MCTC), North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the Triangle Area Rural Planning Association (TARPO). These meetings will be regarding the ongoing development of the Moore County Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Foxfire Village has a vested interest in this plan. Mayor Durham encouraged members of council and residents to attend one of these meetings. Information on both meetings is available on the Village website.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco suggested a CodeRed be sent out to remind residents to attend. She feels it's extremely important to get the word out that Foxfire Village does not want the Western Connector coming down Hoffman Road and splitting the entire Village in two. Brief discussion ensued on the possible routing of the Western Connector.

Mayor Durham reported that an informal meeting with a Representative Liaison from NCDOT to the Moore County Transportation Committee was scheduled with himself and Councilman McCue prior to the Public Meetings. Due to Open Meeting Laws, no more than two members of Council can attend this informal meeting. If more were to attend, the meeting would be called as a Special Meeting and then open to the public. Brief discussion ensued.

10. Public Comment Period

Mary Gilroy asked if there was any concrete information about the Western Connector. She cannot find any studies or information from past meetings to show where it may go. She also asked if an agenda was prepared for this meeting.

Councilman McCue replied that he would provide Ms. Gilroy with a website of past minutes and general information and reminded her that the Western Connector is not a funded, budgeted project in the five or eight year plan for DOT. Mayor Pro Tem Frusco added that the public meetings will be very informal and no agenda is available. Miscellaneous discussion continued.

11. Old Business:

Mayor Durham reported that Lisa Kivett was in contact with a representative from Triangle J Council of Governments regarding the Village's decision to drop from the TJCOG. The representative asked to meet with the Council prior to a final decision being made. After brief discussion by Council, it was the consensus to decline an invitation to meet with a representative. Lisa Kivett will notify TJCOG with Council's decision.

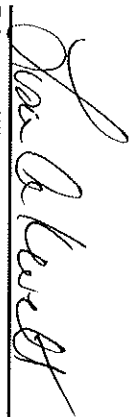
12. New Business:

None

13. Adjournment:

Councilman McCue made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman Koos and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

As so incorporated to these minutes of March 10, 2015 are exact copies as so recorded in the ordinance and resolution books of Foxfire Village as if fully set out in the minutes.



Lisa A. Kivett, CMC, NCCMC
Village Clerk



Steven Durham
Mayor