

MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
Foxfire Administration Office
July 9, 2013 – 7:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. Members Present:** Councilman Steve Durham, Councilwoman Leslie Frusco, Councilman Vic Koos and Councilman Mick McCue
- 3. Others Present:** Lisa Kivett-Village Clerk, Sharon Sanchez-Deputy Finance Officer, Ellen Markus-Seven Lakes Times Reporter and Village residents MaryAnne Lauer and David Meldrum
- 4. Moment of Silence:** Mayor Erickson requested those present to pause for a moment of silence. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.
- 5. Public Comments:**

MaryAnne Lauer suggested that an email address be established for the council members as a whole. This will allow residents who have a concern or complaint to bring it to the attention of the council.

Village Clerk Lisa Kivett responded that an email account is already in place. Residents can visit the Village website and file any concerns or complaints through the “Report a Concern” link. The email will be forwarded to the appropriate council member for actions.

6. Additional Agenda Items:

Councilman Durham added *Summary of Meeting with Moore County Representatives* to his water report.

Councilwoman Frusco made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended seconded by Councilman Koos and carried unanimously.

7. Approval of Minutes:

1. June 11, 2013 – Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
2. June 27, 2013 – Work Session

Councilman McCue asked that a correction be made to item six of the Mayor’s report in the June 11, 2013 regular meeting minutes. The dates of the future work sessions should be changed to July from August. The correction was noted by Village Clerk Lisa Kivett.

Councilwoman Frusco made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended seconded by Councilman Durham and carried unanimously.

8. Resolution #R13-04 Absentee Ballots

The Moore County Board of Elections provided a history of total absentee ballots for the following elections: 2005-0 ballots, 2007-20 ballots, 2009-0 ballots, and 2012–6 ballots. Councilwoman Frusco said by eliminating absentee ballots, the Village would save between \$700 and \$800 each election.

Mayor Erickson asked that Councilman McCue draft language for a resolution to rescind absentee ballots from all future elections. Mayor Erickson read aloud the resolution.

Councilman McCue made a motion to adopt Resolution #R13-04 seconded by Councilwoman Frusco and carried unanimously

9. Councilmember’s Reports:

- A. Councilwoman Frusco

1. Financial Report

Councilwoman Frusco reported the following balances as of June 30, 2013: The general fund balance of \$1,038,000 consists of \$156,700 in restricted funds for Stonehill Pines, the Capital Reserve, and monies assigned for future debt. The remaining amount of \$881,000 is all unrestricted. There is a significant bill for the previous fiscal year still outstanding for paving in the amount of \$31,000. The work was completed in the last fiscal year but the bill needs to be submitted and paid for which will leave the unrestricted balance at \$850,000.

The water fund balance of unrestricted funds is \$330,656. The Village has \$135,843 in a BB&T Escrow account which is reserved for a new well only. The total cash balances of both restricted and unrestricted funds in the Village is \$1,504,525.

At the end of the Fiscal year, all department's expenses were under budget. All areas of revenue were over budget for the year with the exception of motor vehicle and a small amount in the telecommunication tax. The Village ended the year on a good note.

2. Annual Settlement of Unpaid Property Taxes

Councilwoman Frusco gave an annual report of all unpaid property taxes. The amount unpaid includes \$640 from 2009, \$1,314 from 2010, \$4,369 from 2011, and \$13,833 from 2012. She added that for many of the prior year's taxes, it is difficult to hunt down who owns the property or who it is deeded to. In 2011-2012, there were some foreclosures and bankruptcies and the Village is working with the banks to see the back taxes are paid.

B. Councilman McCue

Councilman McCue reported speaking with Danny Barrett from Brown Golf Management regarding having a "Foxfire Day" with local realtors to promote the Village. Mr. Barrett thought it was a good idea but said he would check with the higher-ups to see if they are interested.

C. Councilman Koos

1. Final Paving Results for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Councilman Koos reported that all paving for the fiscal year was complete. There was a problem on Pine Valley Circle where a water main busted following the new paving. Jon Sedlak repaired the line. The paving company took responsibility and re-paved the area.

2. Proposed Paving Schedule for 2013-2014

In 2013-2014, paving will tentatively begin on Deer Track and Burning Tree Place. Some minor patching will be done on Cardinal Drive and Hillside Dr. The drainage problems on Deer Track will be taken care of along with the paving and it is possible that the dams on Forest Lake and South Shamrock will be re-paved during the year. There were several drainage problems associated with all the rain we have received and they are being addressed.

D. Councilman Durham

1. Well Issue

Councilman Durham reported that well 10 located on Hoffman Road across from the Grande Pines entrance was out for 4 days. The motor was burnt out but replaced. The bill for repairs came in in excess of \$6,000.

2. Summary of Meeting with Moore County Representatives

Councilman Durham reported that he, Councilwoman Frusco, and Water Superintendent Jon Sedlak met with Moore County Commissioner Larry Caddell, County Manager Wayne Vest, and Public Works Director Randy Gould. The meeting went well and they discussed the financial details of the proposed water department merger. The County is willing to work with the Village regarding the structure, water rates and such. If the council wishes to call a special hearing to further discuss, that should be done as quickly as possible because the county has a

deadline of September 30th for creating a funding package. Further discussion ensued. Mayor Erickson added he would like to see a contract and have the Village attorney review it first. A special meeting for community input was called for July 25th at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall.

E. Mayor Erickson

1. Foxfire Village and Resort Signage

Mayor Erickson reported that he received an email response and information on the billboards on Hwy 211. He would like to discuss the option at the next work session.

2. Michael Brough's Email on Ron Jackson Property

Mayor Erickson received an email from Village Attorney Mike Brough regarding the unfinished foundations on the Ron Jackson owned properties. Mr. Brough has been in contact with Mr. Jackson's attorney Dave Neill.

Mr. Brough suggested the Village accept the lots and to try to work out a deal with the bank that holds the notes to accept less than what is owed on them and making it possible that the Village could sell all three lots. Mayor Erickson asked that council discuss this at the next work session.

Councilman McCue replied that the Village should not consider this option, we cannot take on anymore debt. Councilman Durham concurred.

3. Triangle J meeting Update

Mayor Erickson reported that the Triangle J is doing some major renovations at this time so there was no report.

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Adjournment:

Councilwoman Frusco made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman McCue and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

As so incorporated to these minutes of July 9, 2013, 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
Village Clerk

George Erickson
Mayor