

**MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Village Hall Meeting Room
January 9, 2024 ~ 4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Gregorich called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM
2. Members Present: Mayor Pro Temp Janet Nauman, and Councilmembers Mary Gilroy, Don Nelson, and Gary Samuels
3. Others Present: Chief Chad Shue, and several members of the public.
4. Moment of Silence: Mayor Gregorich requested those present to pause for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Approval of the January 9, 2024 Regular Business Meeting Agenda

Councilmember Nelson added *Bow and Arrow Use* under New Business.

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman made a motion to adopt the January 9, 2024 agenda as amended. The motion 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

- December 12, 2023 Organizational and Regular Business Meeting
- December 12, 2023 Closed Session
- December 28, 2023 Work Session

Councilmember Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Public Comment Period

Mick McCue – 7 Oak Hill reminded the council and citizens of the upcoming Moore County Land Use Plan Public Forum, scheduled for Thursday, January 11th at 5:30 PM in the Pinecrest High School Auditorium.

8. Zoning Administrator's Report - Lisa Kivett

*This report covers zoning activities from December 13, 2023 through January 9, 2024.
Currently a total of forty-three (43) homes are under construction or in the beginning stages of lot clearing.*

*One (1) Single Family Residence Application:
139 Courtland Circle in Windy Ridge*

*Four (4) Certificate of Zoning Compliance were issued:
4 Buckhorn
118 Courtland Circle
119 Courtland Circle
144 Woodland Circle*

*Other Permits Issued:
Two (2) Accessory Buildings
One (1) Deck*

9. Council Member Reports:

A. Finance – Mary Gilroy

- Financial Report

Councilmember Gilroy reported the following cash balances as of December 31, 2023. The general fund balance is \$3,031,214 of which \$1,435,638 is reserved. The water fund balance is \$1,178,249 of which \$471,076 is reserved.

- Fiscal Year Audit

Councilmember Gilroy reported that each councilmember received a copy of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. The audit shows the Village to be in a very strong cash position with no debt.

B. Streets and Park – Janet Nauman

- Spectrum

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman reported that Spectrum was still in the process of installing internet at the Village office, police department and pool facility. The contractor that Spectrum used to do the pre-bury failed to do an 811 call and cut the phone line for the office and police department. Spectrum will cover any costs associated with the line cut. We hope to be up and running by the end of the month.

- Village Pool

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman reported the pool used 54,000 gallons of water in December and she is concerned it's due to another leak. She contacted Leak Locators, who will be coming in February to look for more leaks. Samuels questioned why we were adding water. Nauman replied because we must keep the water to the skimmer line in order for the pumps to run. Nauman added the lights were identified as leaking but not responsible for the 54,000 gallons going somewhere. At this point we are looking at costs from last year of \$62,000, required maintenance for this year of \$78,000 and the additional costs for Leak Locators to come out again, with no guarantee of what will be found and required repairs. We are working with a pool that is twenty years past its lifetime, so the repairs are not going away. Mayor Gregorich said she was concerned about the amount of water being lost and the effect it has on an already strained water system and aquifer.

Nauman pointed out other issues with having the pool opened on time including staffing challenges, and completion of required repairs. She does not want to rush the pool. Mayor Gregorich agreed and suggested not opening the pool for the 2024 season. We have spent a significant amount of money over the past three seasons and if we move forward with these costs, we will have spent over \$250,000. The Village needs to get a handle on what is really going on with the pool and address the water issue. Making inch by inch repairs is a waste of money.

Mayor Gregorich made a motion to close the pool for the 2024 season to determine what repairs and solutions are needed. Motion failed.

Councilmember Gilroy suggested waiting until Leak Locators comes out to locate additional leaks and we know what costs are involved before deciding to close the pool.

After further discussion, the council deferred their decision on closing the pool to their January 25th work session.

C. Public Safety – Don Nelson

Councilmember Nelson reported that West End Fire Department answered 303 calls in 2023 which represented 30% of their total calls for both Foxfire and West End stations. This amount is down 2% from 2022. Of the 303 calls, 212 were EMS related and 19 were fires.

Chief Shue reported the following:

- A few trees were downed during the recent storm and the fire department assisted with the removal.
- He emailed each council member with a copy of the year end call sheets. Clerk Lisa Kivett prepared a 2022-2023 call comparison spreadsheet which was posted to the Village website.
- The Dodge Charger is still out of service and remains at the dealership. Shue has now reached out to Corporate for assistance.
- The new Dodge Durango was delivered. The new equipment is starting to arrive and should be installed by the end of next week.
- Three new speed limit data signs were delivered. They will be installed once the posts are delivered. Councilmember Samuels asked if the posts were permanently positioned, and the signs rotated out. Shue replied that the metal posts can be easily moved.
- The "Hidden Driveway" sign was delivered and will be installed soon.
- Lieutenant Garner's truck is repaired and back in service. Garner had a deer strike the month previous.

Mayor Gregorich asked if the new speed data signs tracked more data than the ones currently used. Shue replied they do. They have more options and are user-friendly.

D. Water Department – Gary Samuels

Councilmember Samuels reported the water department will begin the project of mapping out the Village water system. Samuels met with Fire Chief Eric Stromberg earlier in the day to discuss finding all hydrants and their associated valves.

10. Mayors Report – Janice Gregorich

Mayor Gregorich reported she will attend her first SMPO meeting on January 18th. She reported that an employment advertisement was published for the full-time Administrative Assistant. Several applications were received and there are several good candidates.

11. LRP Goals Update:

A. Finance– Mary Gilroy

- *Cost Benefit Analysis of Email Option for Water Bills.*
- *Cost Benefit Analysis of ACH Option for Water Payments.*

Gilroy has connected with the ACH person at the bank and will meet next week to discuss set-up and fees. She is exploring options to have people pay online.

B. Streets & Park – Janet Nauman

- *Identify Drainage Issues and Work with Consultants for Solutions.*
- *Develop Plan for Repaving & Correction of Drainage if Applicable.*

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman had no updates at this time.

C. Public Safety – Don Nelson

- *Relocate Yard Waste Facility & Police Impound.*

Mayor Gregorich reported that Councilmembers Nelson, Gilroy and Mayor Pro Temp Nauman will be working together on this project.

Nauman added the first thing to do is have a survey done and a list of process, jobs and quotes needed for the project. Nauman and Chief Shue discussed moving just the yard waste and leaving the impound area where it is currently located.

D. Water – Gary Samuels

Councilmember Samuels reported that all documentation from his meeting with the County regarding connection to their water system was entered into the record. Gregorich added the explanation letter sent to the LGC regarding water department equipment being over 50% depreciated was accepted and found suitable. An email was sent to Jesse Southard.

E. Mayor – Janice Gregorich

- *Organize Appearance Committee*

Mayor Gregorich reported once the guidelines are established for the committee, we will begin looking for volunteers. She suggested the first things the committee should address are Village properties and the entrances to the Village limits.

12. New Business

- Bow and Arrow Use

Councilmember Don Nelson reported the Village does not have an ordinance in place prohibiting bow and arrow use in the Village limits. A recent request from a citizen to hunt using a bow and arrow prompted the review of Village ordinances. Chief Shue commented that when he first came to the Village, the ordinance prohibited discharging of all projectiles including shotguns, rifles, BB guns, bows and arrows, slingshots. At some point over the years, this information was removed. Chief Shue suggests amending

the ordinance to prohibit bows and arrows of any type. He and Clerk Kivett will put together wording and have for councils review at the upcoming work session.

13. Old Business

None

14. Public Comments:

Kathleen Heine - 41 Richmond Road commented she moved to Foxfire in 2015 and has used the Village pool each year. She enjoys the pool and takes her granddaughter there several times per week. She supports keeping the pool open.

Tom McClellan – 3 Dogwood asked if the Village General Store would be looked at by the appearance committee. McClellan is concerned about the parking lot and rocks in the entrance from Hoffman Rd.

Beth (?) – 37 Woodland Circle said she participates in water aerobics and feels the community pool is a strong asset to the Village. She pointed out data from the recent community survey to support her comments and suggested the Village explore other ways to fix the pool before deciding to close it. She suggested the residents decide if the pool should be closed or not.

15. Adjournment

Mayor Gregorich made a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.



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



Janice Gregorich
Mayor