

MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
Work Session Agenda
March 27, 2025 ~ 4:30 PM
Village Hall Meeting Room

1. Call to Order: Mayor Gregorich called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Mayor Pro Temp Janet Nauman and Councilmembers Mary Gilroy, Warren Morgan, and Don Nelson

Other Present: Several Residents of the Village

Councilmember Gilroy added *NCLM Risk Management Seminar* and Mayor Gregorich added *Auxiliary Officer for Police Department*.

Councilmember Gilroy moved to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and carried unanimously.

2. Budget Amendments

- **#2025-03 (Park Sink Hole)**

This budget amendment required further clarification and will be considered at a special meeting scheduled for later in the week.

- **#2025-04 (Pool and Park Maintenance)**

This amendment will transfer \$340 from the patching account into the pool maintenance account for the additional cost for the larger septic tank required by the County. The second transfer of \$2,050 will come from the patching account to park maintenance for the septic tank.

Councilmember Nelson moved to adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment #2025-04, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and carried unanimously.

3. Discussion Items:

- Council Meeting Time

Mayor Gregorich said at the previous council meeting that council meeting times could be discussed at the work session. She added that meeting times were discussed once before, several months prior and the council voted not to change the start time from 4:30 PM. The council also adopted the 2025 meeting schedule with meetings beginning at 4:30 PM, at the beginning of the year. This probably shouldn't be brought up again for discussion, but she asked if there was a motion to open for further discussion.

Councilmember Gilroy made a motion to open discussion of council meeting times, there was not a second. The motion failed.

Mayor Gregorich said it will be up to the new council to decide the schedule and meeting times of their meetings for 2026.

- FY 25/26 Budget Update and Timeline

Councilmember Gilroy provided an update on department meetings for the upcoming budget. The first run is complete for the park, police department, and administration. She is meeting with Councilmember Morgan, Jesse Southard and Shannon Hutchens to review the water department budget. She and Mayor Gregorich will review salaries. The Village CPA has offered to assist with the salaries as well as Central Pines. Salaries will be a big deal because of the health care coverage will be changing. Gilroy suggested picking dates for special work sessions at the April meeting.

- Moore County Housing Needs

Councilmember Gilroy attended the Moore County Economic Development Partnership briefing on housing in North Carolina. She provided a printed handout about housing and demographics in Moore County and elaborated on some items.

- Village Fee Schedule

Mayor Gregorich suggested adding a fee for review or approving interlocal agreements. The fee will be based on staff time and attorney fees. Discussion followed on the possible fees and work required. The council further discussed other permitting fees and water service fees including installation of meters. Additional information will be needed before the fee schedule is amended.

- Interlocal Agreement – Golf in the Pines on Jackson Springs Rd.

Mayor Gregorich reported the 12-acre portion of the 120-plus acre parcel property is located on Jackson Springs Road, in the ETJ. The entire road frontage to the parcel within those 12-acres and under the Village's zoning. According to the marketing material left by the developer, it appears the area located in Foxfire's zoning would include an amphitheater and part of the hotel, both of which are not permitted uses in RA-5. She further elaborated on what the possible development could be on the parcel should the county approve, and extensive discussion ensued. Gregorich said she was completely against entering into the agreement and that Foxfire should retain control of its ETJ property.

Mayor Gregorich moved to not enter into the interlocal agreement nor sign the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Nauman and carried unanimously.

- Downsizing Resolution Options

Mayor Gregorich reported that many local municipalities are adopting a resolution opposing downzoning legislation. She provided samples of opposition resolutions being considered by local municipalities. Gregorich asked if the council would like her to draft a similar resolution and all agreed she should. She will also draft something that can be signed by all local municipal Mayor.

- Special Event Ordinance Proposed Changes

Mayor Gregorich provided an updated draft of the amended special events ordinance. The council discussed the changes that included the removal of alcohol consumption and putting it in a separate section and including a requirement of special event insurance when renting a park pavilion as advised by the Village Liability Insurance carrier, the League of Municipalities. Extensive discussion followed including discussion on GatherGuard Insurance who provide liability insurance for special events. The council agreed to mandate insurance for park shelter rentals and details of this will be made part of the rental application. The council would like to make the insurance requirement effective April 1, 2025. A final draft of the ordinance wording was agreed upon and will be made into an ordinance amendment and presented for adoption at the April council meeting.

- Water Conservation Proposed Changes

Councilmember Morgan provided proposed changes to the existing ordinance and explained the changes were only to remove any reference to the water shortage response plan. Extensive discussion followed. Mayor Gregorich said she was very confused about what is being amended, Morgan further explained. The council agreed to move forward with the proposed ordinance wording changes. These changes will be made into an ordinance amendment presented for adoption at the April meeting.

- Auxiliary Police Officer

Mayor Gregorich was asked by Chief Amezcuita for council to consider a second auxiliary police officer. Auxiliary officers are non-paid, work a mandated number of hours per month and will come in as needed or during emergencies. The only cost to the Village is \$600 for workers comp coverage, a uniform and safety vest. This auxiliary program also helps the officer keep their certification.

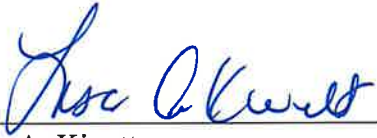
Mayor Pro Temo Nauman moved to authorize a second Auxiliary Police Officer, seconded by Councilmember Nelson and carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments – Items Listed on Agenda Only

Dan Leary – 73 North Shamrock commented on the requirement for liability insurance. He agrees it should be required and suggested the wording on the application about the suggested insurance company for special event insurance.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman moved to adjourn the Work Session, seconded by Councilmember Nelson and carried unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 5:50 PM.



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



Janice Gregorich
Mayor