

MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
Work Session Agenda
December 26, 2024 ~ 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 and Councilmembers Mary Gilroy, and Warren Morgan, and Don Nelson
3. **Other Present:** One Residents of the Village

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman made a motion to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Councilmember Gilroy and carried unanimously.

4. **Discussion Items:**
 - Special Event Ordinance Review & Update

Mayor Gregorich suggested the current Special Event ordinance be amended, eliminating much of the current wording or to be removed in its entirety. She prepared a draft of the amended ordinance and will forward to the council for review. Councilmember Gilroy suggested the Village look at other local municipalities' ordinances on special events.

- Central Pines Regional Council

The Village was approached by the Central Pines Regional Council of Governments about becoming a member. Central Pines was once named Triangle J Council of Governments, which Foxfire was a member of for a couple years. They offer assistance to municipalities in several areas including engineering, and human resources. The fee for this year is waived and future yearly fees are based on population. Mayor Gregorich and Lisa Kivett are scheduled to meet with them on January 9th.

- LPR -License Plate Readers

The council discussed a request from Chief Amezquita to install three License Plate Readers (LPRs) in the Village. The solar powered readers (cameras) capture license plates from passing cars and notify police in the event of Amber or Silver Alerts among other police related situations. Southern Pines and other local municipalities are using them, and Moore County will be installing some as well. The readers are leased at \$3,000 per camera per year. Councilmember Nelson is not opposed to using them while Gilroy has concerns with the data storage and their value to Foxfire for \$9,000 a year. The council agreed to wait to see what the County does before deciding. Gregorich will speak with Chief Amezquita further.

- LGC Water System Response

Councilmember Gilroy asked the council to review and approve the mailing of the draft letter to the LGC regarding questions raised during the audit on the Village water system infrastructure and depreciation. Once agreed too, the draft letter will be put on Village letterhead and signed by each councilmember before submission. Gilroy will submit through an online portal.

Councilmember Nelson moved to accept the letter as written and submit to the LGC, seconded by Councilmember Gilroy and carried unanimously.

- WEFD Radio Upgrade

Councilmember Gilroy reported the cost for the radio upgrade decreased from \$32,304 to \$30,947 which is the Village's split. This upgrade is a federally unfunded requirement which the Village has opted to be invoiced for. A budget amendment is needed.

- Engineering Consultant Services

Councilmember Morgan provided a list of local engineering and consulting firms who could provide service to the Village. He briefly elaborated on each firm's capabilities. Morgan added the Village is facing some challenges to meet the needs of the water customer. The top three issues are: production, conservation, and reliability of equipment. He hopes one of the engineering and consulting firms can assist the Village with these concerns.

- Pool (Nauman)

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman provided a brief update on pool repairs. The deck removal has started and should be complete in 3-4 days, and pumphouse work should begin in January. Mr. Jackson is working on obtaining necessary permits. Morgan asked if staffing was secured for the pool. Nauman replied that employment ads will be placed, and we hope to hire 12 to 14 pool attendants and a pool manager. At least two employees will be working at the same time. Salaries have not yet been determined.

Nauman added the pool septic tank has a large hole and will need replaced. The cost for a new tank is \$3,750 and will require a budget amendment. She added that septic tanks at the administration, police, and fire departments were pumped. The Village Park septic tank cannot be located. It is not where the County has it marked on the septic approval. Nauman will contact the County for assistance.

5. Public Comments – Items Listed on Agenda Only

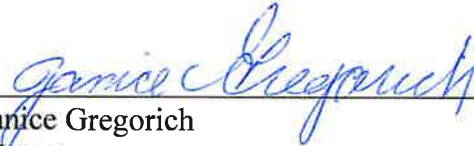
NONE

6. Adjournment

Councilmember Nelson moved to adjourn the Work Session, seconded by Councilmember Morgan. A vote was called and carried unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 5:37 PM.



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



Janice Gregorich
Mayor