

MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
Monthly Work Session Agenda
February 29, 2024 ~ 4:30 PM
Village Hall Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Janice Gregorich called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
2. **Members Present:** Councilmembers Mary Gilroy, Warren Morgan, and Don Nelson
3. **Members Absent:** Mayor Pro Temp Janet Nauman
4. **Others Present:** Residents of the Village
5. **Resolution #R24-01** - Awarding Badge and Service Sidearm to Retired Foxfire Village Police Chief, Chad B. Shue

Mayor Gregorich made a **motion to adopt Resolution #R24-01**, seconded by Councilmember Nelson and carried unanimously.

6. Discussion Items:

A. Mayor Gregorich

- SMPO Ethics Information

Mayor Gregorich reported the SMPO requires members of the governing board to complete an ethics questionnaire, requiring disclosure of any public stocks owned by the member. Gregorich feels this requirement is intrusive and is not prepared to do this herself. She is resigning as a voting member of the SMPO. Councilmember Nelson agreed with Gregorich and will also resign as the alternate voting member of the SMPO. Unless two of the remaining councilmembers are willing to serve, the Village will pull out the SMPO. Gilroy commented that she was not interested in serving. Brief discussion followed.

- Additional Pool Repairs

Mayor Gregorich reported the contractor determined the repairs to the pool coping will require additional work, adding \$24,000 to previous quote. The additional costs bring the total for repairs to \$100,000, roughly 1/8 of the Village's ad-valorem, tax revenue. Gregorich suggested the repairs be deferred until additional quotes are received, Councilmembers Gilroy and Morgan concurred.

Councilmember Nelson made a motion to delay repairs to the pool until additional quotes are received, seconded by Councilmember Morgan and carried unanimously.

B. Councilmember Gilroy

- Moore County Property Tax Collection Agreement

Councilmember Gilroy provided draft copies of the Moore County Tax Collection Agreement for the council's review. Gilroy would like to bring this up for a vote at the March meeting. The agreement must be signed by April 1st. Gregorich has concerns about the tax bills suggesting the Village discounts tax rates and wants it to be clear the Village does not.

- Moore County LUP Update

Councilmember Gilroy attended the recent County LUP update. The Counties plan has been scaled back, tweaked and refined.

- 2024/2025 Budget Prep

Councilmember Gilroy provided each member with 2024-2025 Budget worksheets. The council will begin working on the budget over the next coming months. Gregorich asked if the potential move of the yard waste facility from its current location to the area behind the fire station would be split between the general and water fund. Gilroy replied that it would be from the general fund.

- Planning and Zoning Board Appointees

Councilmember Gilroy reported one application to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board was received. She asked the council to review it and interview the applicant if they wished.

C. Councilmember Nelson

- PD & FD Updates

Councilmember Nelson reported that Fire Chief Eric Stromberg contacted the Forestry Service about the control burn at the park. Nelson provided an update on police department calls and reported the Dodge was still at the dealership.

- Retirement Celebration

Nelson reported a retirement celebration for Chief Shue is scheduled for Friday, March 1st from 3-5 PM at the Village Hall. Cake will be served after the ceremony.

7. Public Comments - Items Listed on Agenda Only

Barbara Okula asked if the Village is working on a replacement for the Chief position. Gregorich replied we are working on posting the position and Lieutenant Garner is acting supervisor in the interim.

8. Adjournment

Mayor Gregorich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Nelson and carried unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 5:05 PM.



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



Janice Gregorich
Mayor