

MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
Monthly Work Session Agenda
March 28, 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:** Mayor Pro Temp Janet Nauman and Councilmembers Mary Gilroy, Warren Morgan, and Don Nelson
3. **Others Present:** Residents of the Village
4. **Discussion Items:**

Mayor Gregorich added *Moore County Economic Development* to the agenda.

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Morgan and carried unanimously.

A. Mayor Gregorich

- SMPO Update

Mayor Gregorich said no other councilmember is willing to sign the required ethics agreement and provide financial disclosures required by the SMPO. There was previous discussion on whether Foxfire could become a non-voting member. This is not the case. The SMPO dictates that we would be represented by the County instead. The County would not have an additional vote, we would just be brought in under them and there is no charge to the Village. A resolution resigning and stating the County will represent us is required. Gregorich will be working on a resolution to present for adoption by the council.

- Moore County Economic Development

Mayor Gregorich received an email from Moore County Economic Development requesting a \$1,000 donation. The Village has received requests in the past but has not donated. It was the consensus of the council to not donate funds again this year. Mayor Gregorich will respond to the email request on behalf of the council.

B. Mayor Pro Temp Nauman

- Yard Waste Relocation

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman prepared a spreadsheet of the various services needing bids, in order to relocate the yard waste facility. The first being to obtain a survey of the property before moving onto other areas. The council discussed in detail the items listed and the proposed location of the entrance and exit road. Councilmember Morgan raised concerns about the costs and loss of land that could be used for other purposes. After extensive discussion, the council agreed to hold off on the relocation and instead look at ways to rehab the existing facility. Nauman added that volunteers are always needed to open and close the facility.

- Pool Update

Nauman is waiting to receive a second quote for pool repairs.

- Park Storage

Nauman is planning to have the locks changed at the park storage room which contains the security camera equipment and electrical breaker panel. There will be a limited number of keys made and they will be the type that cannot be duplicated. Her concern is not with Village residents or the FPOA, it is with non-residents who rent the park and have a key. Instead of handing out keys, another option is to have a police officer open the room for the person renting a shelter.

C. Councilmember Gilroy

- Online Water Payments

Councilmember Gilroy reviewed the recent Long Range Plan Survey and did not see an online payment question. Gregorich replied it came from a public comment about receiving bills through email. The council felt if we send bills through email, the next logical progression would be online payments. Gilroy said that she and Sharon Sanchez had three calls with Payment Service Network and provided details on the payment process, and fees associated. Discussion ensued on online payments

vs. paying ahead, using bank bill pay, or continuing with the current process. After extensive discussion, the council agreed there was no cost benefit and not to invest any further time in this.

Councilmember Morgan made a motion to table the project, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and carried unanimously.

- 2024/2025 Budget Prep

Councilmember Gilroy has met separately with other members of council to discuss their department's budget numbers. The council will begin going through the proposed budget line items at the upcoming work session.

D. Councilmember Nelson

- PD & FD Updates

Councilmembers Nelson and Gilroy are scheduled to meet with Fire Chief Stromberg on April 12 at 4:00 to discuss the 2024-2025 budget numbers. Nelson reported that Officer's Amezquita, Kivett, and Judge are currently working 12-hour shifts, and all is going smooth. Mayor Pro Temp Nauman called the Leith service department about the Dodge Charger but was unable to make any progress. She spoke with Sergeant Amezquita and suggested he contact Leith's GM about the situation. Brief discussion followed.

5. Public Comments – Items Listed on Agenda Only

Colleen Schlenker- 2 Sunset Lane said she thought the reason for moving the yard waste facility was to protect the safety of the infrastructure. She questioned why past councilmember Samuels was concerned about this. She additionally raised concerns about the line of vehicles waiting to go inside the yard waste facility, and questioned if the water meters would transmit readings to the Village. Councilmember Morgan explained the process of downloading data from the handheld.

Debra Noll – 1 Pine Tree Terrace suggested if the council considers moving the yard waste facility, to take a volunteer with them for their input. She added her husband is a volunteer.

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

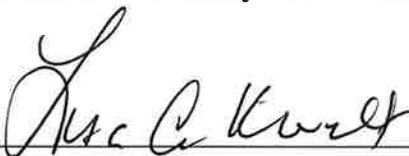
- 6. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11 (a)(6) *To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee***

Mayor Gregorich made a motion to open the Closed Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and carried unanimously.

Mayor Gregorich made a motion to close the Closed Session and return to the Work Session at 5:30 PM, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Mayor Gregorich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Nelson and carried unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 5:30 PM.



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



Janice Gregorich
Mayor