

Hope Is Fading

What once felt like a new beginning for Foxfire is fading

Editorial: *This is an opinion piece. It reflects my personal observations and opinions based on the many public meetings I have attended, public records, and publicly available information. I encourage every resident to watch the meetings and decide for themselves.*

The last council meeting was disappointing and disturbing. While not everyone contributed to the conflict, some of the behavior on display showed a troubling lack of professionalism and leadership.

In just a few weeks, Foxfire has lost a council member, the Planning & Zoning chairperson, and even had an applicant withdraw his application from serving on the P&Z board. Whether these events are connected is for each resident to decide — but they raise a serious question about what kind of leadership is happening at Village Hall.

Warning Signs of Poor Leadership

Leadership experts widely recognize several warning signs of ineffective leadership:

- *Poor communication*
- *Excluding people from decision-making*
- *Creating conflict instead of resolving it*
- *Failing to build trust*
- *Allowing personal relationships to interfere with governing*
- *Undermining the board's ability to function AS A TEAM*

A Question for Every Resident

Is this the kind of leadership we want for Foxfire Village?

Our community deserves a mayor who brings people together, encourage respectful debate, and focus on solving problems — not creating them.