

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 20, 2015

The Town of Bogue Council met Monday, July 20, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road, Bogue. Mayor Mitchell Russell called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Councilman Eddie Morton said the prayer, and then everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Mayor Russell, Herbert Page, David Padgett, Glenn Russell, Eddie Morton. Councilman Charlie Wilton was excused from attending. Also present was Town Clerk Elizabeth Sweeney and Planning Board Chairman Bobby O'Chat.

Agenda

Councilman Page made a Motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. Motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Russell made a Motion to approve the June 15, 2015 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Padgett. Motion was approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments

There were no comments.

Department Reports

Financial Report – Mayor Russell reported that as of July 20, 2015 there was \$394,923 in the General Fund, \$87 in Petty Cash, \$38,284 in Capital Reserve-CD and \$45,798 in the Powell Bill Fund. Total \$479,093.

Budget Report – Clerk Sweeney said the Council monthly checks will be available at each meeting. Please complete the bottom portion of the W4 and NC4 and return it to me. I only need the bottom portion to keep on file. The rest of the papers are the instructions. She suggested the Cape Carteret trail memorial bench plaque read "In memory of those that have served the Town of Bogue". When the final design of the bench and plaque is determined it can be changed to list names.

Mayor Russell reported on the FY 14-15 year end budget. Income and expenses had been budgeted as \$117,400. Actual income was \$132,584, actual expenses were \$87,055, a surplus of \$45,528.

Planner Report – Clerk Sweeney, update on the distillery, Mr. Chapman got his septic permit from Carteret County. He got a zoning permit application from us and will return it on Monday July 27. He has talked to the adjoining property owner on the west side to purchase a 50 foot strip to increase his lot size. The adjacent lot is currently zoned residential. If the purchase goes through he will request to rezone that to B1. There is a zoning ordinance violation at 5517 Hwy 24. A business is operating in a residential zone. Notice was sent by certified mail to the property owner and the occupant. Property owner got the notice. Occupant letter will be returned to us, they would not sign. Next step is service by the Sheriff's department. There had been complaints by phone informing us of the violation.

ILA Report – Councilman Morton reported on the meeting of July 8, 2015. The status of sales tax and fuel tax refund bill in the House and Senate. It approved the use of a debt setoff to recoup unpaid bills. Attorney has retired and a new one appointed.

Roads Report – Councilman Wilton was not present.

Town Hall Report – Councilman Russell, nothing to report

JLUS Report – Councilman Page had nothing to report.

Councilman Padgett asked about trimming the Bradford pear trees in front of Mallard Oil and Guthrie Plaza. Mayor Russell said they are on the state ROW. We have no authority to trim them. He has asked them to trim them before. He will call them again.

Bogue Day – Councilman David Padgett said a date has been set. It will be Saturday, September 26, from 10-2. Tents are reserved, about \$900. He has prices for food etc and feels we will be well under budget. Food will be catered and he will get several estimates before deciding. It is estimated there will be 300 attending. Michael Panzarella has confirmed the Clint Nelson band for \$350. Councilman Padgett needs volunteers to help with food, setup, history, banners and signs. He wants to have a volunteer organizational meeting at the next planning board meeting on August 6 at 6:30pm. Brad Rich from the Tideland news will put it in the newspaper. The church has approved letting us use the parking lot and Councilman Page has the hay field to use for overflow parking.

Old Business

-Chimney Branch Road update. The contract Attorney Boggs prepared has been signed by Thomas Simpson Construction and Mayor Russell. Prestige Surveying will stake the construction site. The start date will be the week of August 3rd. It will be completed 45 days from the start date. Attorney Boggs has contacted the company that owns the foreclosed property and feels they will sign the ROW deed. If they do not then we can't improve the section of the road that goes through that property. It will not prevent construction before or after the property.

-Appointments to Planning Board. John Goguen's term expired in March. Due to his work schedule changing to nights this was overlooked. He has been working days again and wants to stay on the board. A **Motion** was made to reappoint John Goguen to the Planning Board by Councilman Padgett. Motion was seconded by Councilman Page. Motion passed unanimously. Due to a member resigning there is a current opening on the Planning Board. A **Motion** was made to move Alternate Julie McSwain to the board by Councilman Page. Motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. Motion was passed unanimously. There are two applicants for Alternates to the Planning Board. Scott Leahy was selected. A **Motion** was made to appoint him as an Alternate member by Councilman Page. Motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. Motion was passed unanimously.

-The town website has been launched. Mayor Russell displayed the site and reviewed the content with the Council. Anyone wishing to post an article or pictures can submit it through the site or directly to Clerk Sweeney. At the next meeting there will be a group photo of the Council. A few sentences are needed for a short bio from each council member. The site is mobile friendly. Clerk Sweeney manages it in house.

New Business

-Golf cart registration. There was a Bogue resident that got a ticket for driving his unregistered golf cart in Cape Carteret. He made improvements to his cart and tried to get it registered in Cape Carteret. He was refused a registration because he is not a resident of Cape Carteret. This prompted Cape Carteret Council to put it on their agenda. This resident now has a Bogue golf cart permit. There was a discussion of a reciprocal agreement with Cape Carteret golf cart registration. Their fee is \$25 for a resident, we have no fee. We will find out their decision and may discuss this again.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcement

-Library storytelling festival at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. July 22 and July 29.

-Gateway Alliance has our grant application and will give us an answer by the end of August. We have had donations from residents towards the lights. Bud Ship has donated \$750. Herbert and Shirley Page contributed a check for \$750. Bogue Sound Septic has promised a check for \$750. That is a total of

\$2250 in donations. We may get as much as \$1000 from Gateway. Right now the cost to the town is \$2842. We may be able to get more lights since there will be more funds available.

-Clerk Sweeney has a Notary Certificate and will notarize documents for residents at no charge. Non-residents will be a \$5 fee.

Adjournment

Councilman Page made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. Motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:10p.m.

_____ MITCHELL M. RUSSELL, MAYOR

_____ ELIZABETH SWEENEY, TOWN CLERK