

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
October 19, 2015

The Town of Bogue Council met Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road, Bogue. Mayor Mitchell Russell called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman David Padgett led the invocation. Council members present: Mayor Russell, Herbert Page, Charlie Wilton, David Padgett, Glenn Russell, and Eddie Morton. Also present was Town Clerk Elizabeth Sweeney, Planning Board members: Bobby O'Chat, Michael Panzarella, Julie McSwain, and Alternate Cecil Hurst.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Councilman Russell made a Motion to approve the September 21, 2015 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Page. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Russell showed the flag and certificate that was presented to the town from the USMC-Bogue on Bogue Day. The Mayor noted it would be put on the wall behind the Council table.

Citizen Comments

Richard Kisner, chairman of the volunteer association of the fire department. He wanted to thank the Town Council and the Mayor for their generous donation. Every year they vote on a large item to purchase. This year it was a motor for the fire rescue boat. He invited anyone in Bogue to the firehouse to see what the money is spent on. He again thanked the town.

Bobby O'Chat said he was speaking on behalf of Patrick Kelly, who was unable to attend tonight. He read a letter from Mr. Kelly which asked the council to make a Thanksgiving Proclamation. A sample proclamation was distributed to the Council.

Public Hearing

Mayor Russell opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance Amendment 154.165(A); 154.167(A) (3) (f) at 6:07pm. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Russell closed the Public Hearing at 6:08pm.

New Business

G. Lee Carroll, Jr. presented the audit report for FY ending June 30, 2015. He noted no issues or concerns. After giving the report Mr. Carroll left at 6:12pm.

The Sign Ordinance amendment was introduced and discussed. It had been introduced to the Planning Board at the October 1, 2015 meeting due to White Oak Church of God sign permit request. The Planning Board voted to send a positive recommendation to the Council. A letter from Chairman O'Chat was presented to the Council and attached to these minutes. Tyler Harris, MC Community Plans Liaison, had been notified of the proposed amendment. He responded by email (attached to these minutes) stating he did not see any "appreciable negative effects to flight operations". Mayor Russell projected the design of the sign for the Council to see; one portion of the sign with the church name, the other with an LED changing message board. The proposed sign is under electric lines but the height is at an acceptable distance. Lynn Dickson of CCEC emailed approval of the sign at a maximum height of 14

feet. Councilman Page made a **Motion** to approve the Sign Ordinance Amendment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. Motion was passed unanimously.

Maximum sign size in R-20 is 20sqft, in B-1 it is 200sqft. The church will next go to the Planning Board to have the property rezoned from R-20 to B-1. The rest of the church property is zoned B-1, the church would like it all to be the same zone. They will submit a rezoning package this week.

Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 was introduced. The Council discussed the amendment. Councilman Page made a **Motion** to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #1. Motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. Motion was passed unanimously.

Clerk Sweeney noted alternates will be needed for the Planning Board. There are two members at their term end. Both have expressed they will request a reappointment and will submit a letter to the Council. One other member may ask to be removed after the elections. There is only one alternate application on file. Applicants are needed from other areas of the town for representation on the board.

Old Business

Chimney Branch Road project is nearly completed. Mayor Russell noted the project was \$67,900. Amendment #1: \$1800 concrete drainpipes, Amendment #2: \$4686 rock turnaround. Total of \$74,386; \$614 under budget. The road needs to be rocked. Road is 3200 feet length, 17 feet wide to rock at six inches deep. An estimate of 2000 tons of rock will be needed. Cost for NC DOT ABC rock is \$66,000; crushed concrete is \$52,000.

Department Reports

Financial - Mayor Russell- General Fund Checking \$389,870; Petty Cash \$24; CD \$38,301; Powell Bill \$52,260. Total \$480,556.

Budget/Planner - Clerk Sweeney- An email from Darleen Jones reminding us of the town's offer to donate to the MC-Bogue ball. What amount and which account would the Council like to use. \$500, split between Bogue Day, Contributions, and Miscellaneous. The rezoning application from the church will be on the next planning board agenda.

*ILA - Councilman Morton-*Last meeting was October 14, the EMS response to the new Carteret County Speedway was discussed. The owner of the speedway will have private EMS service. Any other EMS response calls there will be treated as 911. The sales tax refund bill was passed by state officials. The fuel tax refund is back in committee.

Roads -Councilman Wilton- The trimming at Goguen Rd and Chimney Branch Rd is complete. There is erosion due to the rain at several places in town. The areas will be assessed and a plan will be made to address it.

*Town Hall - Councilman Russell-*Nothing to report. Mayor Russell found a surveillance system for the Town Hall that he is looking to purchase. It will monitor visitors using a camera that will also take a photo. It also has an intercom. Then the door can be unlocked.

*JLUS- Councilman Page-*There was a community meeting at the White Oak Church on October 13. A slide presentation of JLUS, its goals and timeline, questions from the attendees were answered. The military is the largest employer in the county. The county applied for grant money to fund the study. There will be recommended ordinances presented to towns when the study is completed in February. Mayor Russell thanked Pastor Franklin for hosting the meeting.

Bogue Day Committee-Councilman Padgett –Thanked all that helped to make the day a success. The flag presentation was a great honor. He would like anyone with pictures to give them to him. It was under budget. The food left went to the fire department. He asked the clerk to get thank you cards for all the donors and the military. Mayor Russell said Councilman Padgett did an outstanding job. Ricky Taylor also should be thanked.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcement

Mayor Russell went to a meeting with several county administrators for a Municipal Fire Inspection proposal. NC requires buildings to be regularly inspected. The county is not able to do it all. Some municipalities do not have inspectors. They will be asked to contribute to the county inspections department to offset the cost of regular inspections. It is based on the number of buildings needing inspections. Our cost for a year is estimated to be \$3250. Certified inspectors will then inspect the buildings. This system is in process of being set up.

Closed Session

Council went into Closed Session at 7:08pm. All in attendance left.

Closed session ended at 7:37pm.

Councilman Page made a Motion for adjustment of salary to Elizabeth Sweeney, Town Clerk/Planner role effective November 1, 2015, to \$38,000.00 per year. Motion was seconded by Charlie Wilton. Motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Padgett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. Motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:38p.m.

_____ MITCHELL M. RUSSELL, MAYOR

_____ ELIZABETH SWEENEY, TOWN CLERK