

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
November 16, 2015

The Town of Bogue Council met Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road, Bogue. Mayor Mitchell Russell called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m. Mayor Russell addressed the public regarding prayer at public meetings from recent Coates Canons blogs of the NC School of Government.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Glen Russell 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, Mayor Elect Ricky Taylor, Town Attorney Donna Boggs, Planning Board members: Bobby O'Chat and Julie McSwain.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Councilman Russell made a Motion to approve the October 19, 2015 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Page. Motion was approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Bobby O'Chat asked why an item was not on the Agenda tonight when he was told it would be. The item was brought to the Council at the last meeting, a proclamation on Thanksgiving. Mayor Russell responded saying he read it more carefully and did not think it was appropriate for a town meeting. It was wonderful for any of the churches or other organizations in town.

Patrick Kelly spoke stating he had asked Mr. O'Chat to bring it to the Council. He did not understand why the Mayor said that. The purpose was so our community could give blessings. Mayor Russell said I don't disagree but we are not going to do it.

There were no other Citizen Comments.

Public Hearing

Mayor Russell opened the Public Hearing on Rezoning 5054 Hwy 24, White Oak Church of God, from R-20 to B-1 at 6:09pm. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Russell closed the Public Hearing at 6:10pm.

Old Business

Chimney Branch Road project completed as designed. The Council had approved \$75,000.00 and the bill has been paid. It is a dirt road and has not packed down well. The road needs to be rocked. The engineer has inspected it and said it will improve after it packs down. Chief Hunter (Fire and EMS) has inspected it and it pleased with the turnaround and the width of the road. He appreciates what the town has done. There was \$614 left in the budget after paying the contract. The Mayor asked Simpson to deliver and spread \$614 worth of rock where the pavement ends. The area will be a test to see how well that section holds up. So far it has done well. 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.

Mayor Russell made a point to the incoming Council about the Budget and Revenue sources. Annual income for 2015-16 is estimated at \$123,216 of that total \$34,000 is personal property taxes, about 27% of the budget. We have the lowest tax rate in the area. The point is everything other than that \$34,000 is the town's money (not from personal property tax). The Council should make the best decision it can to spend the town's money to help the most people.

Resident Giles Arthur asked a question about Chimney Branch Rd. Will the worst parts be rocked first? Mayor Russell replied it is up to the new Council to decide how to do it and which area to do first.

New Business

The rezoning of 5054 Hwy 24 from R-20 to B-1. Clerk/Planner Sweeney displayed the GIS map of the property requesting rezoning and each adjoining property. All adjacent properties were notified and none have expressed any opinions to the town. The other three parcels the church owns, on the East side of the main parcel are B-1. Changing this one to B-1 makes sense, all the Church owned property will be B-1. Mayor Russell noted this will allow the Church to get the sign permit for an LED sign which will replace the existing sign. Maximum size signs allowed for a church in R-20 are 20sqft whereas maximum size in B-1 is 200sqft. The Council did not have any questions. A **Motion** was made by Councilman Page to allow the change of this property from R-20 to B-1. Councilman Padgett seconded the Motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Clerk Sweeney noted for the record there is a signed letter to the Council from the Planning Board stating they agree to the rezoning.

Department Reports

Financial - Mayor Russell- General Fund Checking \$355,596; Petty Cash \$86; CD \$38,301; CD \$38,300; Powell Bill \$11,012. Total \$404,997.

Budget/Planner - Clerk Sweeney- No Report

*ILA - Councilman Morton-*No report

Roads -Councilman Wilton- Hunting Bay area limbs removed; two new speed limit signs, barricade and redirect signs on Chimney Branch Road.

Town Hall - Councilman Russell- Mayor Russell installed a surveillance system for the Town Hall. It monitors visitors using a camera that will also take a photo. It also has an intercom. Mayor-Elect Taylor and the Council agreed to the purchase of an electromagnetic door lock with remote. Cost is approximately \$200 from Town Hall maintenance fund.

*JLUS- Councilman Page-*No report

Oath of Office: New Mayor and Council Members

Clerk Sweeney gave the new Mayor Ricky Taylor the Oath of Office of Mayor. She then gave the Oath of Office of Councilman to reelected Herbert Page, reelected Eddie Morton and newly elected Bobby O'Chat. The new Mayor and Councilmen took their seats at the Council table.

Mayor Taylor announced a workshop meeting on December 7 at 5pm in place of the regular meeting. The next regular meeting will be in January. All agreed.

Adjournment

Councilman Padgett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Page. Motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:37p.m.

_____ RICKY TAYLOR, MAYOR

_____ ELIZABETH SWEENEY, TOWN CLERK