

TOWN OF BOGUE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 18, 2016

The Town of Bogue Council met Monday, January 18, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road, Bogue. Mayor Richard Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Bobby O'Chat led the invocation. Council members present: Mayor Taylor, Herbert Page, Charlie Wilton, David Padgett, Bobby O'Chat, and Eddie Morton. Also present was Town Clerk Elizabeth Sweeney, Town Attorney Donna Boggs, Planning Board member Cecil Hurst.

Agenda

Mayor Taylor asked to have an item added to the New Business section of the Agenda. Mayor/Council Pay. Councilman Page made a Motion to accept the modified agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Padgett. Motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Morton made a Motion to approve the November 16, 2015 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Page. Motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman Padgett made a Motion to approve the December 7, 2015 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman O'Chat. Motion was approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Old Business

-There are two letters of request from Planning Board members to be reappointed for another term. A motion to reappoint Shirley Page and Bobby O'Chat to the Planning Board for a three year term ending November 30, 2018 was made by Councilman Page. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilton. Motion was approved unanimously.

-Councilman O'Chat made a Motion to elect Councilman Herbert Page as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilton. Motion was approved unanimously. Clerk Sweeney gave the Oath of Office for Mayor Pro Tem to Herbert Page.

-Training dates: Mayor Taylor and Councilman O'Chat will attend Essentials of Municipal Government on March 4-5 in Greenville. The dates are correct, a Friday and Saturday. This will include the required ethics course. Councilmen Page and Morton will attend Ethics for Elected Officials on Wednesday February 10 in New Bern from 6-8pm. There will be a light dinner at 5:30pm. The class will be held in the O. Marks Building at 233 Middle Street, New Bern, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

-Clerk Sweeney received a scholarship from LGFCU for \$1250 for Clerk Certification School. Funds will be held at SOG for her courses.

-Bogue now has a Certified Fire Inspector, William (Billy) Matthias. He will be conducting the state required inspections for the 23 buildings in Bogue that need regular inspections per the state. Sweeney will obtain the list of buildings and ensure Matthias has it in order to get the inspections done as they are needed. The cost of each inspection has not been determined. Estimate of \$25-50 per inspection to include first visit and one follow-up visit. If more visits are required for building to be in compliance, cost will be negotiated. Mayor Taylor asked about the "emergency" fire inspection for the day care (at White Oak Church of God). Sweeney said it had been done by the county on the same day as her receiving the

jurisdiction number and verification from the state (NCDOI) that Matthias was registered as our fire inspector. The details of the billing procedure have not been determined. A suggestion on the procedure was discussed with Councilman Morton prior to the meeting. Sweeney will write one for approval.

#### New Business

-Mayor Taylor asked for the "Resolution of Support for Connect NC Bond Referendum" postponed to the next meeting. Draft may not have the correct information as some projects have been updated.

-Mayor Taylor asked when the elected officials started to be paid. Sweeney said at the start of the fiscal year, July 1. Mayor said he would like the funds to be returned to the town. He had asked some of the Council about using the money for buying more Christmas lights. Mayor would like to discuss this at a workshop meeting., using the money for lights or emergency fund.

#### Department Reports

*Financial - Mayor Taylor-* General Fund Checking \$370,656; Petty Cash \$18; CD \$38,301; Powell Bill \$18,884. Total \$427,860.

*Budget/Planner - Clerk Sweeney-* All budget items are at about 50% or better remaining except office supplies due to updating QuickBooks 2016 and adding payroll. The exact amount will be determined and a budget amendment will be brought to the next meeting.

*ILA - Councilman Morton-*Last meeting Clerk Karen Parks received two awards: certified municipal clerk and professional performance. 2015 calls had increased, 1562 total calls, 1208 EMS, 279 Fire. Fuel Tax Refund Bill update. Audit reported good standing. Chief Hunter will get a list of certified fire inspectors for the other towns. For now the towns will have to get their own inspectors. Public Hearing on the Budget was scheduled. Morton will get back to the board on the details of the hearing date and time. Morton complimented the Chief on his proactive management of the department.

*Streets -Councilmen Padgett and O'Chat-* O'Chat reported on the urgent items first. 1) Lake Arthur Drive: pipe under road, will need replacement, tile collapsed and may need replacement. Estimate will be determined after excavation 2) Hunting Bay & Park: both sides of road have eroded under the asphalt. Estimate \$1300. 3) Lake Arthur & Barrington Ridge: north side has eroded. Estimate \$475. Mayor Taylor asked if it was the rain that had caused these washouts and collapses. O'Chat said he thought yes the majority had been caused by the rain. The ditch at Lake Arthur had recently been repaired under Councilman Wilton and it looks like the rain caused this new problem. Councilman Padgett said these three items have been determined to be the worst and should be done first. Other areas will be discussed at the workshop meeting. Mayor Taylor noted Cape Carteret will be doing paving and we may be able to coordinate efforts to get a better rate. 4) Councilman Page asked to add Chimney Branch Rd to the list due to the runoff at one point on the hill cutting into the road. Water needs to be diverted. There was no dollar estimate stated for repair. Mayor Taylor agreed it was an urgent repair. These four issues will be addressed first. He also thanked the commissioners that had graded Chimney Branch Road since the December meeting. It was appreciated. Residents noted it was better than it had been. There was a discussion of the cost of the four projects and funds available. Councilman Morton made a **Motion** to approve these four projects, Padgett and O'Chat will oversee the projects, not to exceed \$5000 total. Motion was seconded by Councilman Page. Motion was passed unanimously.

*Emergency/Town Hall - Councilman Wilton-* The Town Hall is fine, no concerns. He will be talking to emergency management department in Beaufort to see if he needs to make any reports.

*JLUS- Councilman Page*- Numerous items discussed at the last meeting. Clerk Sweeney also attended. Implementation matrix and draft recommendations are being discussed. Nothing finalized at this time.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

-Mayor Taylor said a past Planning Board member passed away over the weekend. Phyllis Dusenbery was very helpful to the town as a resident and member of the planning board. He sent flowers on behalf of the town.

-Planner Report: Rezoning #3-2015 was not approved by the Planning Board. Military did not approve the project either. The developer will present a new project proposal at the next meeting. Will attend a school system population study meeting in Beaufort on Tuesday January 19. Will attend flood map training on Monday February 1, 2-4pm. One zoning permit issued for a pool at 131 Pine Needle in Hunting Bay.

-CC Register of Deeds historical document preservation event tomorrow. Information available if anyone is interested.

-ECC meeting Jan 14 a few of the bylaws changed. The ECC has resources for us as a member. They can help with planning, grants and projects. The bylaws are available if anyone wants to review them.

-Jan 20 meeting in Jacksonville on Connect NC if anyone would like to attend.

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 6:45p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ RICHARD G. TAYLOR, MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_ ELIZABETH SWEENEY, TOWN CLERK