

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 2019

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, October 21, 2019 at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road. Mayor Richard Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman David Padgett led a prayer. Council members present: Mayor Taylor, Herbert Page, Charlie Wilton, David Padgett, Bobby O'Chat, and Eddie Morton. Also present was Town Clerk Elizabeth Sweeney and Town Attorney Donna Boggs.

Agenda

Councilman O'Chat made a **Motion** to accept the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Page. Motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Page made a **Motion** to approve the September 16, 2019 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Padgett. Motion was approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments – none

Old Business - none

New Business – Chad Davis from ECCOG spoke to the council about a Dark Sky Ordinance. A public information session was held before the meeting. The International Dark Sky Association website [www.darksky.org] has a significant amount of information on preventing light pollution. The impact of light pollution and its effects was discussed. One of the initiatives of the JLUS was to present public information sessions to Bogue and Emerald Isle on dark skies. A draft model ordinance would be written for possible adoption by the town. The purpose of an ordinance is to reduce sky glow which has significant effects on people, nature and military night vision apparatus. This ordinance would have simple and enforceable rules such as when replacing light fixtures or installing new ones using dark sky compliant types. Business signs that are lighted would be covered in the sign section of the zoning chapter. The Dark Sky Ordinance would be on its own within the zoning chapter. Several members of the council asked if the surrounding towns and the county were participating and would they also be adopting a similar ordinance. Mr. Davis said the contract was specific for Bogue and Emerald Isle.

Mayor Taylor thanked Mr. Davis for the presentation and answering the questions the council had. At this time no decision was made to write an ordinance or not, the council will take this information under consideration.

Mr. Davis and Clerk Sweeney have been looking at the zoning ordinance update which is also part of the JLUS. He distributed a draft map and ordinance. The contract to assist re-writing the ordinance is from the county, which received funds from the Office of Economic Adjustment. There was no discussion on this draft as the council just received it.

A Draft of Title VII Traffic Code, Chapter 72 Golf Carts, and a draft of Title XV Land Usage, Chapter 150 Flood Damage Prevention, both with letters of recommendation to adopt from the Planning Board, were given to the council. This was the first time the council has seen the drafts. They will review the drafts and discuss at the next council meeting.

Department Reports

Financial - Mayor Taylor- General Fund checking \$425,269; Petty Cash \$100; Powell Bill \$55,349; total \$479,718.

Budget Report – Clerk Sweeney – The council received a report of transfer of funds within the Administration department. \$1200 was moved from account 5100-capital outlay, to account 5450-office supplies. This was a recommendation from the auditor to cover the copier lease. The report also shows the payment of \$35,221.20 for final billing of the resurfacing of streets. This was taken from the Powell Bill account and was not reflected in the report Mayor Taylor gave to the council.

Planner Report – Clerk Sweeney –

Permits issued: one new permit since last meeting for replacement of a shed and storage building, and moving a carport with a concrete slab. This was all on one residential property.

No other reports were given

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Veterans Day Parade participation

Fiduciary Responsibilities for Local Elected Officials course in New Bern

Adjournment

At 6:43 p.m. **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilman Padgett, and seconded by Councilman Page. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ RICHARD G. TAYLOR, MAYOR

_____ ELIZABETH SWEENEY, TOWN CLERK