

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 2019

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, November 18, 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 Eddie Morton 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: Modified

Mayor Taylor asked for a change to the agenda. Move New Business: Mr. Lee Carroll Audit to after Citizen Comments. Clerk Sweeney asked for Ms. Sarah Davis to be moved to December agenda. Councilman Padgett made a **Motion** to accept the modified agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Morton. Motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Page made a **Motion** to approve the October 21, 2019 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilton. Motion was approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments – Mr. and Mrs. Blais noted there had been over an inch of rain recently and asked for potholes to be filled with rock on Chimney Branch Road. Mr. Blais said he would spread it if it was placed at his property.

New Business – Mr. Lee Carroll presented the audit for FY 2018-19. Three copies were distributed, and the clerk has a digital copy. At the end of the FY approximately \$435,000 in unrestricted funds and \$45,000 in restricted Powell Bill funds were available. Mr. Carroll went over more figures from the audit which is available for citizen review at the Town Hall. This was a Yellow Book Audit due to over \$100,000 in grant aid received by the town. The town's overall net position increased by \$38,167. Mr. Carroll asked if the Council had questions, there were none. Mayor Taylor thanked Mr. Carroll for the presentation.

Old Business -

A Draft of Title VII Traffic Code, Chapter 72 Golf Carts, had been presented with a letter of recommendation to adopt from the Planning Board to the Council at the October meeting. This is not under the zoning ordinance and no public hearing is required. Councilman Morton made a **Motion** to adopt the draft of changes to Chapter 72 Golf Carts. A second by Councilman O'Chat and Motion passed unanimously.

A draft of Title XV Land Usage, Chapter 150 Flood Damage Prevention, had been presented with a letter of recommendation to adopt from the Planning Board to the Council at the October meeting. A public hearing is required due to it being a part of the land usage section of our ordinance. A **Motion** was made by Councilman Page to hold a Public Hearing at the January 20, 2020 Town Council meeting. A second by Councilman Padgett and Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Boggs asked if there will be one public hearing on the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance that is currently being drafted. Ms. Sweeney said it may be easier for the public to understand the changes if it was broken down into sections rather than the entire ordinance at once.

Department Reports

Financial - Mayor Taylor- General Fund checking \$422,622; Petty Cash \$100; Powell Bill \$19,630; total \$442,352.

Budget Report – Clerk Sweeney – The council received a report of real property tax collected as of this date. It shows 21.7% of the real property tax has been collected. Back tax collection may not have been actively pursued by the county unless specific attention was given to it by the town. The November income/expense report was given to the Council. \$1000 was moved from account 5120 to account 5450 to cover the expenses of a new computer and related items.

Planner Report – Clerk Sweeney – At the last Council meeting Chad Davis of ECC discussed a Dark Sky Ordinance for the town. There would be no charge to the town if ECC was to draft this for us. We would then review, modify, and possibly adopt through the planning board and the council. Councilman Morton asked if there was a time limit on adoption after a draft was received. There is no time limit. Councilman O’Chat asked if Mr. Davis had met with Emerald Isle regarding a Dark Sky Ordinance. Ms. Sweeney said Bogue and Emerald Isle are the only towns that were being funded for the ordinance draft through JLUS. There was discussion. A **Motion** was made by Councilman Morton to request the draft Dark Sky Ordinance from ECC, funded by JLUS. A second by Councilman Page, passed unanimously.

A meeting of the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will be at 3pm on December 4 in Bayboro. The second public input meeting will be at 5:30pm on the same day at the same location. This will be announced on our town website as well as by other participating communities.

Street Report - Councilmen O’Chat – Chimney Branch Rd needs some rock dropped to fill potholes and to hold through the winter season. Mayor Taylor asked about the power company installing new lines in Lake Arthur subdivision. It appears they are still working on the lines.

The mayor asked how many Christmas lights we currently have. Sweeney said seventeen will be installed this year, same number as last year. Discussion on lights, no new ones this year and one did not work last year. The mayor asked for an announcement on the website to inform people they could donate to the cost of a new light at their chosen location.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Organizational meeting next month for the new council will begin at 5:00pm.

Adjournment

At 6:23 p.m. **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilman Page and seconded by Councilman Wilton. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ RICHARD G. TAYLOR, MAYOR

_____ ELIZABETH SWEENEY, TOWN CLERK