

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2020

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, February 10, 2020 at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road. Mayor Robert O'Chat called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor O'Chat led a prayer. Council members present: Mayor O'Chat, Herbert Page, Charlie Wilton, David Padgett, Albert Taylor, and Rick Dougherty. Also present was Town Clerk Elizabeth Sweeney.

Agenda

Councilman Padgett 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 January 20, 2020 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dougherty. Motion was approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments –

None

Old Business –

None

New Business –

Mayor O'Chat introduced NC Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement, Revision 2020. This is the first time the Council has received the agreement and needs time to review it. Councilman Page made a **Motion** to table this item, second by Councilman Wilton, motion passed unanimously.

An application for Planning Board Alternate was discussed and reviewed. Mr. Chad Fenton was in attendance. There was a **Motion** by Councilman Padgett to appoint Mr. Fenton as a Planning Board Alternate, second by Councilman Page, motion passed unanimously. Clerk Sweeney read the email from PB Alternate Ms. Aycock noting her work obligations prevented her from being an active participant on the board. The Council accepted her resignation. Mr. Fenton will be sworn in at the next PB meeting on March 5, 2020.

Clerk Sweeney presented a first draft of the FY 20-21 Budget. Discussion on amounts for Street Maintenance and Bogue Day. Amounts for these items will be adjusted as discussed. There was discussion on an amount for Emergency funds to be put into the budget. This will ensure the immediate availability of funds during an emergency without having to meet and vote on a budget amendment. The estimated income for property tax was discussed. The revaluation figures from Carteret County Tax office were presented. They show a 7.36% change in the taxable real value. Since the last valuation was in 2015 and considering the number of new homes built since then, an increase in value was expected. Sweeney explained how the tax income is estimated for the budget noting the figure will change based on the percent collected from the previous year. The next draft will include changes discussed and will be reviewed at the March meeting.

A draft Fee Schedule was presented. The golf cart registration fee of \$10 was included and the fire safety inspection fees were removed. The fee schedule will be included in the 20-21 budget.

Department Reports

Finance: Cash funds \$461,022

Budget: The current year budget to date was presented. Due to software problems the Tax Office has not distributed checks from taxes collected in December and January. They noted all issues will be corrected and funds distributed within a week or two. On the Expense side \$1000 was moved from 5400-Miscellaneous to 5450-Office Supplies.

Planner: Continuing work with ECC, and Carteret County Planning on the update of zoning ordinance. Meeting with Planning Board in workshops as needed between regular meetings. Timeline is to have a final review in June/July to present to Council and public hearing with Council decision by July/August. Will then work on code changes to comply with NC GS §160D which should be done by October. Deadline by law is December 31.

Town Hall: Councilman Wilton will hire someone to pressure wash building as there are funds available in the Maintenance account.

No other reports.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

None

Adjournment

At 6:27 p.m. **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilman Page and seconded by Councilman Wilton. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ ROBERT O'CHAT, MAYOR

_____ ELIZABETH SWEENEY, TOWN CLERK