

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 2020

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, June 15, 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 and Town Attorney Donna Boggs.

Agenda

Councilman Padgett made a **Motion** to accept the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dougherty. Motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Page made a **Motion** to approve the May 18, 2020 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat asked the Council's permission to recognize former Mayor Ricky Taylor and former Councilman Eddie Morton both in attendance. Mayor O'Chat presented them each with a commemorative clock and plaque. He said the Town Council wanted to thank them for their years of service to the town and the Council appreciates the dedication of their extensive personal time. A few pictures were taken.

Citizen Comments

Former Councilman Morton thanked the Council for cleaning the yard at Barrington Ridge and Lake Arthur Drive. Attorney Boggs said the certified mailing and regular mailing had been sent with no returned mail yet. The property was cleaned by the town.

Former Mayor Ricky Taylor complimented the Council and said keep up the good work.

Public Hearing

Mayor O'Chat asked for a Motion to open the Public Hearing on the FY 20-21 Budget. The **Motion** was made by Councilman David Padgett, second by Councilman Charlie Wilton.

There were no comments at the Public Hearing.

Councilman Page made a **Motion** to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Wilton, approved unanimously.

Old Business

Budget FY 20-21

Councilman Page made a **Motion** to approve the Budget FY 20-21. Motion seconded by Councilman Dougherty, passed unanimously.

New Business

Audit Contract FY 19-20 Mayor O'Chat informed the council Mr. G. Lee Carroll submitted a contract to audit FY 19-20. There were no questions. Councilman Page made a **Motion** to approve the audit contract, seconded by Councilman Wilton, approved unanimously.

Department Reports

Finance: Total Cash funds \$495,425

Budget: Thank you for passing the 20-21 budget.

Presented property tax collection report and budget comparison report. Current property tax collections 94.36% - there are still two months of this year to post when the checks are received. Some delays likely due to virus, lower collection rate due to unemployment. Collections may go into the next fiscal year, doubtful there will be any late fees or penalties on those payments.

One adjustment will be done; Expenses: 1390-Payroll taxes: over by \$13.00; will move \$13.00 from 5400-miscellaneous. There does not appear to be any further adjustments or amendments needed to this year’s budget.

Planner: There have been 34 new homes built over last ten years, this includes new mobile homes.

To date FY 19-20 there have been 12 Zoning permits, and five other zoning applications.

Since last meeting one house, one accessory permit issued.

Planning Board will meet on July 9, the second Thursday, due to the holiday.

ILA: Meeting was on June 10; Chief Hunter reviewed a summary of pay rates in the area. There have been employees leaving for higher pay. A proposed increase of 4.4% overall was discussed.

Streets: Looked at the requests to address concerns from last meeting and Lake Arthur has shoulder work that needs to be done. Chimney Branch Road will get three loads of rock and they will be spread out in the areas that need it. There is \$4000.00 in the budget that will be used for these repairs.

Emergency Manager: Covid-19 continues. The County website will have daily updates posted at 4:00 pm. There will no longer be updates on other social media platforms by the County. The Health Department will be using social media for updates.

Town Hall: Councilman Wilton determined the generator is ready for use if needed.

Bogue Day: This event is not cancelled but has been temporarily put on hold.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

None

Adjournment

At 6:18 p.m. **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilman Padgett and seconded by Councilman Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ ROBERT O’CHAT, MAYOR

_____ ELIZABETH SWEENEY, TOWN CLERK