

TOWN OF BOGUE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 20, 2020

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, July 20, 2020 at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road. Mayor Robert O'Chat called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman David Padgett led a prayer.

Council members present: Mayor O'Chat, Herbert Page, David Padgett, Albert Taylor, and Rick Dougherty; Charlie Wilton: excused. Also present were Town Clerk Elizabeth Sweeney, Town Attorney Donna Boggs, Cherry Point Community Plans/Liaison Officer Rhonda Murray and Carteret County Planner Ethan Brogden.

Agenda

Councilman Padgett made a Motion to accept the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Page. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Page made a Motion to approve the June 15, 2020 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dougherty. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

None

Attorney Boggs stated that since the last meeting she has reached out to Mr. Cleveland regarding the Barrington Ridge property and he will be working with a landscaper to take care of the property.

Old Business

None

New Business

Draft Ordinance Review Title XV Land Usage

Mayor O'Chat stated that the new ordinance has been in the works for a very long time and acknowledged Elizabeth, Ethan and Rhonda for doing an excellent job. The map went from 11 zones to 7 zones which is easier to understand. Ethan Brogden from Carteret County Planning explained the main purpose of the ordinance rewrite was; to minimize the potential for non-compatible land uses surrounding Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue, to streamline the overall format to make the ordinance more user-friendly, to incorporate new North Carolina General Statue 160D provisions and to remove any legal and statutory inconsistencies.

Department Reports

*Finance:* Total Cash funds \$484,162

*Budget:* Received May and June property tax and April and May vehicle tax. There is a delay because of Covid19 Emergency. Collections may go into the next fiscal year and we will work with the Auditor to reconcile that the money is in the correct dates.

One adjustment was done for \$325; from Expenses: 8500 – Street Maintenance Other to 8510 – Mowing Right of Way. Clerk Sweeney stated that \$40,000 was not appropriated as we did not do the street repaving because of Covid19.

*Planner:* There were two accessory permits.

*ILA:* Councilman Dougherty stated that Chief Hunter said there are 19 confirmed Covid19 cases as of July 8 in our District. The American Heart Association gave the Mission Life Gold Plus Award to them; they are the only ones in

Carteret County to receive it. They are getting a new dummy that gives feedback; cost is \$9000. The budget for EMS/Fire for the District is roughly \$1,000,313. Lastly the Assistant Chief is looking elsewhere for employment as they only gave him a 3% raise; Chief Hunter is looking to up that to 6%. Councilman Dougherty and Mayor O'Chat both stated that he is valued and good at his job.

*Streets:* Put out rock on Chimney Branch Road and Lake Arthur will be looked at to get shoulder work done. We will be looking at pot holes and sink holes that need to be taken care of.

*Emergency Manager:* None

*Town Hall:* Mayor O'Chat said Councilman Wilton will be changing out the gas in the generator.

*Events:* Rhonda stated that the Second Marine Aircraft Wing; who are over the command that staffs for Bogue will be attending exercises on the West Coast and the earliest they could support Bogue Day would be November 20<sup>th</sup>. The council decided to table Bogue Day talks until a later date.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Reminder that the Census brings in over \$1800 per person in our Town so please tell people to complete the Census.

Mayor O'Chat spoke on Constitution Week coming up in September; there are three different proclamations. Please take it home and let me know which one you like at the next meeting. Mayor O'Chat and the Council thanked Ethan, Rhonda and Elizabeth for all their hard work on the New Ordinance.

Closed Session

Councilman Padgett made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) for the permitted purpose of discussing personnel. Councilman Dougherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

Councilman Page made a motion to go back into open session. Councilman Dougherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat stated that the town interviewed several people and decided on a new clerk for the Town, her name is Shawne Southard. Councilman Padgett made a motion that the town hire Shawne Southard to be the Town Clerk at a salary of \$33,000 starting now. Councilman Page seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor O'Chat expressed that the Council is sad that Elizabeth is leaving and thanked her for her six years as Town Clerk. The Council would like to do something special. Councilman Padgett made a motion to give a monetary bonus in the amount of \$2500. Councilman Page seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

At 6:51 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Padgett and seconded by Councilman Dougherty. Motion passed unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_ ROBERT O'CHAT, MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_ SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK