

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
March 15, 2021

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, March 15, 2021 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, David Padgett led a prayer.

Council members present: Mayor O'Chat, Herbert Page, Charlie Wilton, Richard Dougherty, David Padgett and Albert Taylor.

Also present; Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

Agenda

Councilman Paige made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Dougherty made a motion to approve the February 15, 2021 and February 25, 2021 minutes as written.

Councilman Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Mayor O'Chat stated that Leslie Taylor had asked to speak regarding litter in Bogue; however she was not present. Mayor O'Chat said if she does come they will make time for her to speak.

Mayor O'Chat stated that Cecil Hurst has asked to be on the planning board as an alternate. Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve the appointment of Cecil Hurst as an alternate to the planning board. Councilman Wilton seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Councilman Dougherty made a motion to continue the Public Hearing from February 15, 2021 for the proposed rezoning of parcel #538520802435000 (5517 Highway 24). Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Bud Shipp has requested the rezoning of the parcel from R20 (Residential) to B-1 (Business) for the purpose of using it for the sales office for his RV business. The town Planning Board has recommended the change in zoning request. Councilman Page made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Councilman Wilton made a motion to approve the rezoning of parcel #538520802435000 (5517 Highway 24) from R20 to B-1. Councilman Page seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Clerk Southard stated that Williams-Scarborough-Gray, LLP have submitted a proposal to be our new CPA as Lee Carroll will not be continuing government entities. Their cost of \$5750 is less than Mr. Carroll's was last fiscal year and Mr. Carroll recommended them. Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve the new company Williams-Scarborough-Gray, LLP as our CPA for the fiscal year 2020-2021. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$537,838.

Budget: Clerk Southard stated our finances are right on track; that our town credit card was hacked, but the bank has reissued a new card and are crediting us back all the withdraws that were not ours; that there is still \$730 left in Contributions and was wondering if that is something we should donate before the fiscal year ends; and that there is money in the Capital Outlay that hasn't been used and asked if a new desk and bookcase could be purchased. Lastly Clerk Southard stated the town will be getting around \$210,000 from the Government (in 2 increment payments a year apart) from the American

Rescue Plan that passed in the Federal Government. At this time we are not sure what rules will be tied to spending this money. Attorney Boggs stated that she had read the CARES monies from last year being used to donate to public safety for example donating to the fire department. Mayor O'Chat asked how we would receive the money; direct deposit or physical check. Clerk Southard said if it goes through the county it would be direct deposit as we are set up that way with them, but if it comes from the government it could be by a check. Mayor O'Chat asked about the Capital Outlay funds of \$4500 and what was it for. Attorney Boggs said she thought the idea was to purchase a new Christmas light for the town every year. Councilman Padgett made a motion to spend no more than \$2500 for a desk and bookshelf for the Clerk's office. Councilman Page seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Southard gave the Town Council a draft of the Fiscal 2021-2022 Budget to look over. Mayor O'Chat stated that the council should look over the budget before next month's meeting.

Planner: Clerk Southard stated that 3 permits were approved; 112 Hunting Bay for a deck, door and accessory building, 151 W. Hilltop for a new manufactured home and 118 Hunting Bay for indoor renovation.

ILA: None

Streets: Mayor O'Chat stated that he along with Councilman Taylor and Councilman Padgett looked at some streets that needed to be paved and we are looking at around \$56,000 to pave this coming year. We will be getting quotes from some companies. Councilman Wilton stated Chimney Branch Rd needs some work.

Emergency Manager: None

Town Hall: None

Events: None

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Clerk Southard asked about Wild Oak Drive becoming a Town road so that we can receive Powell Bill Money. Mayor O'Chat asked if the Fire Department could weigh in on the condition of the road and that he will check it out as well. Clerk Southard also stated that David Rief the Town Manager of Cedar Point was presenting to the County Commissioners other avenues of distributing the sales tax revenue for the County.

Mayor O'Chat stated that Leslie Taylor initially contacted the town regarding litter in Bogue. Clerk Southard stated that Mrs. Taylor and her daughter have cleaned up Bogue Loop Rd and wanted to form an alliance with the town to have a litter pick up. Clerk Southard suggested the town purchasing reflective vests, gloves and drinks for volunteers. The council thought that was a great idea and Clerk Southard stated there are funds in the budget. Councilman Taylor stated that before sending volunteers out there should be a safety meeting. Mayor O'Chat stated that he could help drop off the trash at the county's solid waste site.

Adjournment

At 6:45 p.m. Councilman Page made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ BOBBY O'CHAT, MAYOR

_____ SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK