

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
November 15, 2021

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, November 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, Charlie Wilton, David Padgett, Albert Taylor and Richard Dougherty. Also present; Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve the September 20, 2021 minutes as written. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

None

Old Business

Clerk Southard stated that the two new Christmas lights will be at the entrance to Lake Arthur (Barrington Ridge and Bogue Loop Rd.) and 5160 Highway 24. Cape Carteret will be installing all 19 of the Christmas lights the week of Thanksgiving.

New Business

Mayor O'Chat stated that the Planning Board will be meeting December 2, 2021 and at that time we will find out if the members that have terms are up will be interested in staying on the board (John Goguen, Shirley Page and Bobby O'Chat).

Mayor O'Chat stated that the residents on Forest Line Dr. have requested another speed bump, stating that the two that were installed are not enough. There is 600 feet between the current speed bumps. Councilman Taylor made a motion to install one more between the two speed bumps that are there now. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Southard presented a Town Hall calendar for 2022 with the January meeting being the second Monday of the month as it falls on Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. She also stated the holiday calendar for Town Hall closings was per North Carolina schedule of holidays. Councilman Padgett made a motion to change the January meeting from January 17th to January 10th and to approve the 2022 Town Hall calendar. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat stated we received 3 bids for a new water filtration system; Soft Water Solutions for \$2043.65 plus tax, Culligan Water for \$2084.63 and Kinetico for \$2995.00. All 3 companies stated they would remove the old tanks. Clerk Southard stated the only thing needed with all three systems will need is salt as needed. Clerk Southard stated that the ARP Funds may cover the cost of the system, she

is still waiting on final confirmation. Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve Culligan Water to install a new water filtration system. Councilman Dougherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Southard presented a plat for 216 and 220 Chimney Branch Rd. that the owner is trying to split. We received a plat from John Odum with all the town's regulations in order. Currently the property is out of compliance as there are two dwellings on it and this would bring it into compliance. Donna Boggs stated that the planning board would normally see it first; however it can be bypassed if there is an exemption. The owner is in a dire need to get this approved as she has a buyer for the northern lot and doesn't want it to fall through (her father passed and money is tight). Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve the splitting of 216 and 220 Chimney Branch Rd. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat stated that the Town Council needs to vote in a new person to fill Herbert Page's vacant council seat. We have two gentleman willing to fill the position, John Dale and Mike Crose. Mayor O'Chat asked if they wanted to say anything. Mike Crose spoke to say he served the US for 8 years and would like to serve the town that he loves and calls home. He's lived here for 12 years and is a husband and father and works at First Citizens Bank. John Dale spoke to say he's lived in Bogue since 1999 and is a veteran as well. Mayor O'Chat thanked them both for their service. Councilman Dougherty asked if they would be able to make the monthly meetings, both said yes. Mayor O'Chat asked that there be a special meeting to hold a vote. Councilman Padgett asked if a special meeting would be open to the public. Clerk Southard stated yes. Councilman Padgett asked if the council could go into closed session at the special meeting. Clerk Southard stated no. Mayor O'Chat suggested the special meeting be before the December 20th meeting; the council decided on December 6th at 6:00pm. Clerk Southard stated that the special meeting will be for the sole purpose of voting in a new council member. Donna Boggs asked about advertising; Clerk Southard stated there must be a 48 hour notice.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$524,566.40.

Budget: Clerk Southard stated that there was nothing new; we are seeing more money in local sales tax as predicted by the state.

Planner: Clerk Southard issued the following permits; 108 Bogue Commercial Dr for a temporary sign, 915 WB McLean for temporary storage units, 110 Pine Needle Circle for a shed, 107 Bogue Commercial Dr. for a new RV sign and 5397 Highway 24 for a new building (metal prefab on concrete)

ILA: None

Streets: Councilman Wilton stated he is going to drag Chimney Branch Rd.

Emergency Manager: None

Town Hall: None

Events: None

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Clerk Southard stated someone hit the Town Hall mailbox and Mayor O’Chat came out and fixed it that day.

Councilman Wilton stated that the end of Chimney Branch Rd. at Highway 24 is very narrow and turning onto the road from Highway 24 is dangerous. There have been several wrecks there through the years. Councilman Padgett stated that it’s been widened as much as it can be. Donna Boggs stated that the DOT will be doing some road work on Highway 24 where you can’t turn at certain streets, but not sure if Chimney Branch Rd. is included. Councilman Taylor stated that because of electric and phone on both sides of the street there is not room for expanding the road. Councilman Wilton suggested putting a line down the center of the road so at least people will stay in their lane. Councilman Taylor stated that we can do that as it’s a town owned road. The town council stated that we should try it.

Clerk Southard gave the mayor, each councilmember and Donna Boggs thank you cards from the Girl Scout troop that is using the building for their meetings. The girls are very appreciative.

Councilman Padgett asked what classes needed to be taken for newly elected members; in the past it was 3 days long. Clerk Southard stated that the School of Government requires an ethics class for all newly and reelected members.

Councilman Padgett wanted to thank Cherry Point for the air show tickets and Councilman Dougherty agreed. They had a wonderful time. Clerk Southard will send a thank you card to Colonel Huber.

Mayor O’Chat stated that we will have our Christmas party on December 20th after the next meeting at Bogue Distillery. Clerk Southard will take care of food.

Adjournment

At 6:56 p.m. Councilman Padgett made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ BOBBY O’CHAT, MAYOR

_____ SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK