

TOWN OF BOGUE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 21, 2022

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, February 21, 2022 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, David Padgett, Richard Dougherty, Mike Crose, Charlie Wilton and Albert Taylor. Also present; Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the January 10, 2022 minutes as written. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor O'Chat asked everyone to look at the Bogue Commercial Park plat along with the permit for Bogue RV that was issued October 2016. According to the Town's parking ordinance for businesses every business lot has to have its own parking. Bogue RV has not complied with the ordinance and now it's becoming a safety issue as people are parking on Bogue Commercial Drive to look at RV's for sale. The Fire Marshall is concerned that emergency vehicles can not get down the road in an emergency. Mayor O'Chat stated that the distillery is flammable as well as the RV Service building that has propane tanks and there is a residential community that backs up to them both. Councilman Taylor stated that each RV also has propane tanks in them. This is a real safety issue for the town. Clerk Southard has determined how many parking spaces must be on each lot to be in compliance with our ordinance. After discussion it was decided that Clerk Southard will send a certified letter to Bogue RV stating that they must have the determined amount of parking spaces on each lot to be in compliance with the town ordinance.

Mayor O'Chat stated that we do not have an outdoor lighting ordinance, only a lighting ordinance for on buildings. Clerk Southard wanted to let the council know that the planning board was approached about a business wanting to put up lights on poles along Highway 24 and since there is not an ordinance regarding this the planning board was looking to create one for the town. Councilman Taylor stated that the DOT has rules that we should look at. Mayor O'Chat reminded the council that when the planning board creates an ordinance it must come before the Town Council to be approved before it is implemented.

Department Reports

*Finance:* Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$557,321.69.

*Budget:* Clerk Southard stated the Final Rule has come out for the ARP Funds and it is broader than was originally thought which will benefit our small town. She also stated that she attends weekly ARP meetings via zoom. Mayor O'Chat asked how much will we get for next year's Powell Bill Fund, Clerk Southard stated around \$20,000. Clerk Southard reminded the council that she is working on the 2022-2023 Budget and would like to add back in a cleaning service for the Town Hall. With Covid there hasn't been outside cleaner since early 2020.

*Planner:* Clerk Southard stated she approved four permits; 104 Pine Ct (detached garage), 233 Chimney Branch Rd. (electric pole), 5367 Highway 24 (new business sign) and 108 Bogue Commercial Dr. (outside bar, stage and bathroom facility).

*ILA:* Councilman Dougherty stated Chief Hunter said they have had a 30% increase in volume in January. There will be a public hearing on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the new budget of \$3,332,600 which is less than last year's budget as the new ambulance and firetruck were bought with this year's budget. Chief Hunter is working on higher pay for personnel as they want to stay competitive with other areas. There has not been a cost of living increase in years.

*Streets:* Mayor O'Chat thanked Councilman Wilton for dragging Chimney Branch Rd.

*Emergency Manager:* None

*Town Hall:* Clerk Southard asked if the storm door could be removed as it's heavy and it slams shut on people. Councilman Wilton said he'd look at it.

*Events:* None

#### Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Clerk Southard stated she attended the county's Emergency Management Services Web OC training on January 25<sup>th</sup>. When the county has a storm or other emergency event all information is located on the Web OC site; incidents, resources and press releases. It was very informative.

Clerk Southard will be attending a meeting tomorrow at 2pm about having a Western County Fireworks Celebration with Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle and Peletier.

Mayor O'Chat passed along a spaghetti dinner fundraising event next Monday at Emerald Isle Baptist Church for the Down East community that lost family members in the February plane crash. Councilman Padgett stated that if there is a scholarship set up he would like to see Bogue contribute to that.

#### Adjournment

At 6:55 p.m. Councilman Padgett made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_ BOBBY O'CHAT, MAYOR

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