

TOWN OF BOGUE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 16, 2022

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, May 16, 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, Charlie Wilton, Albert Taylor and Mike Crose. Richard Dougherty was excused. Also present; Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

Agenda

Mayor O'Chat asked to move Old Business and New Business to after Citizen Comments. Councilman Padgett made a motion to accept the agenda with the changes. Councilman Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Crose made a motion to approve the April 18, 2022 and May 2, 2022 Special Meeting minutes as written. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Donald Blais a resident on Chimney Branch Rd. stated that the road needs more rock as the stock pile by the light pole is out. Mayor O'Chat stated the town would get more rock. Mayor O'Chat thanked Mr. Blais for patching the pot holes.

Old Business

None

New Business

Clerk Southard presented the following to be in compliance with ARP Fund reporting requirements; Nondiscrimination Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Record Retention Policy and a Grant Project Ordinance. Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the Nondiscrimination Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Record Retention Policy and the Grant Project Ordinance. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Councilman Taylor made a motion to go into Closed Session Per §143-318.11 (a)(6) for the permitted purpose of discussing personnel. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

Councilman Padgett made a motion to go back into open session. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Crose made a motion to give a \$2500 bonus to the Town Clerk from the ARP Funds for the current fiscal year. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Councilman Padgett made a motion to go into a Public Hearing. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Southard gave a rundown on the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget. Everything is pretty much close to last fiscal year's budget with the following differences; income for ARP Funds shows the full amount of what the Town will have including the next and last installment of 67,119, expenses for Repairs and Maintenance has gone up to \$5500 to cover a cleaning person and maintenance of Town Hall and expenses for ARP Funds of \$122,000. After discussion Clerk Southard was

asked to change expenses Mowing ROW to \$12,000. Clerk Southard reduced expenses ARP Funds to \$118,820 to balance the budget at \$267,970.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to go out of Public Hearing. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Crose made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget as changed. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

*Finance:* Mayor O’Chat stated total cash funds are \$561,637.60.

*Budget:* Clerk Southard stated Property Taxes are paid up through April, Motor Vehicle Taxes are through March and Local Sales Tax is paid up through April. Clerk Southard transferred \$40,000 from Powell Bill Fund to the General Fund to cover the expenses of paving. Clerk Southard also stated she used ARP Funds to cover the Culligan Water system, a new Town Hall bulletin board and QuickBooks upgrade; totaling \$3126.72.

*Planner:* Clerk Southard stated she approved 1 permit; 104 Wild Oak Dr. for a shed.

*ILA:* None

*Streets:* Councilman Wilton stated he would drag Chimney Branch Rd. this week.

*Emergency Manager:* None

*Town Hall:* None

*Events:* Clerk Southard stated that the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration planning is going well. There will be satellite parking because MacDaddy’s will fill up fast. White Oak Elementary School will be “family friendly” parking area to enjoy the show. Clerk Southard asked if the Town Council wanted to sponsor White Oak Elementary School by offering ice cream to anyone parking there to watch the fireworks show. Councilman Taylor is concerned that the trees at the school may obstruct the viewing of the fireworks. Clerk Southard explained the committee sent up a drone to see how far the fireworks could be seen and White Oak Elementary School will have a view. Clerk Southard also stated that there will be a VIP Tent that the Town Council and their guests can enjoy at MacDaddy’s. There will be officers at the end of the night to help with traffic leaving the school. Councilman Padgett made a motion to get an ice cream truck for White Oak Elementary School not to exceed \$1000. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Clerk Southard reminded Mayor O’Chat and Councilman Wilton that they needed to take the Ethics class by October. Councilman Wilton asked Clerk Southard to sign them up online.

Adjournment

At 6:52 p.m. Councilman Padgett made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_ BOBBY O’CHAT, MAYOR

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