TOWN OF BOGUE COUNCIL MEETING September 19, 2022

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, September 19, 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, Mayor O'Chat led a prayer.

Council members present; Mayor O'Chat, David Padgett, Charlie Wilton, and Mike Crose. Not present were Albert Taylor and Richard Dougherty. Also present; Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

<u>Agenda</u>

Councilman Crose made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve the August 15, 2022 as written. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Citizen Comments</u> None

Old Business

Clerk Southard stated that the Town has 19 Christmas lights at this time and has priced out getting more lights. At this time the Town has Angel and Soldier Lights, but the Snowflakes are the cheapest. Attorney Boggs asked if other local towns are ordering lights this year to help with the cost of shipping. Clerk Southard said she would ask. Councilman Padgett made a motion to purchase 3 Snowflake lights. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Clerk Southard stated that since the Town will not be purchasing the Humphrey property (2.2 acres on Bogue Loop Rd.) the PARTF Grant is not viable as it is an acquisition grant only. She stated that after speaking to Brittany Shipp of the PARTF Grant management team it is recommended to ask for a waiver to change the grant from acquisition to development of the Rahilly property that the NC Land and Water Trust Fund will be purchasing and deeded over to the Town. Mayor O'Chat asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. Councilman Crose asked if a development grant could be used on anything pertaining to a park on the property; Clerk Southard stated that is correct. Mayor O'Chat gave a brief account of how the military tried to purchase 2 properties from the Humphrey Heirs for the Town, but that they were not interested. Then the heirs offered the 2.2. acres for \$60,000 per acre which is a lot higher than it is appraised at. Councilman Crose made a motion to start the waiver process for the PARTF Grant. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$629,870.

Budget: Clerk Southard stated the Local Sales tax is at 35% for only 3 months which looks really good for the year; the first quarterly payment for Utilities Franchise of \$12,146 also came in; lastly the Town's insurance premium went up \$290.

Planner: Clerk Southard stated that two permits were approved; 373 Barrington Ridge for a shed and 107 Bayshore Dr. for a shed.

ILA: None

Streets: None

Emergency Manager: None

Town Hall: None

Events: None

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Clerk Southard stated that census has a preliminary report of Bogue population of 702 residents as of July 1, 2021.

Clerk Southard also stated that she is having surgery and will be out of the office for the week of October 3-6, but will have access to the phones and email at home.

Adjournment

At 6:21 p.m. Councilman Crose made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

_____BOBBY O'CHAT, MAYOR

_____SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK