

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
April 17, 2023

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, April 17, 2023 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. Not present was Richard Dougherty. Also present; Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

Agenda

Councilman Padgett made a motion to accept the agenda with New Business moved to before Closed Session. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

None

New Business

Clerk Southard presented two resolutions to be in compliance with ARP state and federal requirements. Resolution Adopting ARPA Eligibility Determination Policy and Resolution Adopting ARPA Allowance Cost Policy. Councilman Crose made a motion to approve the Resolutions for Eligibility Determination and Allowance Cost. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat stated that some of the speed bumps on Forest Line Drive in Stonegate have been damaged; one has already been replaced. Councilman Padgett suggested the Town Council do some investigating into other community's speed bumps to determine what type are preferred and if Forest Line Drive should be replaced with permanent asphalt speed bumps.

Clerk Southard stated that the Planning Board met on April 6th and recommended that the Town Council amend the Town's Zoning Permit. The changes are to clarify what the Town needs before approving a permit; Plat Survey for any permanent structure showing where other buildings, setbacks, parking and buffering are, along with clarification that our Zoning permit is the first step and that residents must contact the County and get a permit from them, and lastly that if you are building on a Town street there is a \$750 street deposit required. Clerk Southard clarified that if a resident is getting a shed installed a plat survey is not needed. Councilman Taylor made a motion to accept the changes to the Zoning Permit. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Southard presented two proposals from Auditors for the Town. Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. presented a proposal for \$10,000 and Carr, Riggs, & Ingram presented a proposal for \$8,000. No other Auditor gave proposals. She stated that our last Auditor, Williams and Scarborough charged \$6,000 for the last two years, but that the state is requiring more work from Auditors with the increase in ARP grant money and costs are going up. Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve using Carr, Riggs, & Ingram for \$8,000. Councilman Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session Per §143-318.11 (a)(6)

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

Councilman Padgett made a motion to come out of Closed Session pursuant to §143-318.11 (a)(6) for the permitted purpose of discussing personnel. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Mayor O'Chat asked that the Town Council look over the submitted draft budget. Councilman Crose made a motion to change the Salary line item to include a 4% increase. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Southard thanked the Town Council. There will be a Public Hearing at the May 15th meeting.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$681,266.30.

Budget: Clerk Southard stated Property Taxes and Vehicle Taxes are paid through February, Local Sales Tax is through March and there is still one more payment for Utilities Franchise.

Planner: Clerk Southard stated that one permit was approved; 5477 Hwy 24 for a hair salon.

ILA: None

Streets: None

Emergency Manager: None

Town Hall: None

Events: None

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Mayor O'Chat stated there is an Emergency Operations Center Drill tomorrow at 3:30 that Clerk Southard will be attending.

Mayor O'Chat stated that the League of Women Voters is hosting a seminar at the Western Library regarding local government on April 19th at 5:30pm.

Adjournment

At 6:47 p.m. Councilman Padgett made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ BOBBY O'CHAT, MAYOR

_____ SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK