

TOWN OF BOGUE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
August 21, 2023

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, August 21, 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, Richard Dougherty and Mike Crose. Also, present; Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve the July 17, 2023 minutes. Councilman Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

None

Public Hearing

Councilman Padgett made a motion to go into Public Hearing for the purpose to discuss ordinance updates for Zoning and Subdivisions. Councilman Dougherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat stated that the changes suggested by Eastern Carolina Council of Governments would bring the Town into 160D compliance. He reminded the Town Council that the changes are minor.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to come out of Public Hearing. Councilman Dougherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Crose made a motion to accept the changes made to the Zoning and Subdivisions Ordinances to bring them into 160D compliance. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Clerk Southard stated that the grant for the study of a pedestrian/bike path was approved by NCDOT.

New Business

Mayor O'Chat stated that the temporary speed bumps on Forest Line Drive have been damaged on purpose and they need to be replaced. He suggested we do asphalt ones that will be permanent. Councilman Taylor made a motion to have asphalt speed bumps installed. Councilman Dougherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Southard shared the two quotes the Town received for new flooring in the Town Hall. After much discussion Councilman Padgett made a motion to use the lower quote of Keel's Custom Flooring with the condition that the cost doesn't go up because of any underlay issues. Councilman Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Southard stated that a salesman from a new office furniture business in Morehead City came to Town Hall and quoted the Town on cubicle desks for the Town Hall. The Town Council expressed an interest in seeing the

desks in person. Clerk Southard will reach out to see if that is a possibility. Mayor O'Chat asked that she look into getting cushioned chairs instead of folding chairs.

Mayor O'Chat shared a Memorandum of Agreement with NCDOT for removal of debris from state maintained roads. Clerk Southard stated that if the Town goes into the MOA the Town would pick up debris after a storm and then get reimbursed from FEMA. If the Town doesn't want to worry about the state maintained roads and have NCDOT continue to pick up debris the Town does not enter into the MOA. After much discussion the Town Council decided not to enter into a MOA with NCDOT. Clerk Southard stated that they don't need to vote; they simply do not do the MOA.

Department Reports

*Finance:* Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$605,190.62.

*Budget:* Clerk Southard stated property taxes are through May, Vehicle taxes are through June and Sales Tax is through July. She explained that insurance went up \$85.47. She also stated that there is \$67,875 left in American Rescue Plan.

*Planner:* Clerk Southard did four permits; 502 Park Ave (patio cover), 907 WB McLean (new business), 183 Lake Arthur (wraparound porch and shed) and 264 Lake Arthur (new house).

*ILA:* Clerk Southard stated that she has sent in Mayor O'Chat's information as the new liaison until the new councilman is voted in November.

*Streets:* None

*Emergency Manager:* None

*Town Hall:* None

*Events:* None

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Clerk Southard stated she will be at the Clerks Conference in Wilmington from Wednesday, August 23 to Saturday, August 26 and Town Hall will be closed Thursday, August 24.

White Oak Elementary School sent a thank you card for the funds for the School Resource Officer.

Adjournment

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

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

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