

**TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2026**

The Town Council of Bogue met on Thursday, May 14, 2026, 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, Councilmember Parker led the prayer.

Town Clerk Owens took roll call.

Council Members present were Mayor O'Chat, Councilmember Cannon, Councilmember Crose, Councilmember Dale, Councilmember Parker, and Councilmember Taylor. Also, present Clerk Owens and Attorney Boggs.

Prior to approval of the Agenda, Mayor O'Chat asked for a motion to remove item number four, Closed Session for the purpose of Attorney Client Privilege ss143-318.11(a)(3). Councilmember Crose made the motion, Councilmember Dale seconded the motion, item number four of the agenda was removed with a unanimous vote.

Agenda

Mayor O'Chat asked for a motion to approve the updated agenda as written. Councilmember Parker made the motion to approve the updated agenda as written, Councilmember Crose seconded the motion, motion carried.

Minutes

Councilmember Cannon made a motion to approve April 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes Councilmember Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mayor O'Chat asked if there was anyone signed up with public comment. Clerk Owens stated that no one had signed up to speak.

Unfinished Business

Mayor O'Chat stated there was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Mayor O'Chat stated the first item for new business is for the Public Hearing of the Special Use Permit by Lea's Herbs. Councilmember Parker motioned to enter Public Hearing for the Special Use Permit, Councilmember Crose seconded the motion, motion carried. Town council entered Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. Mayor O'Chat asked Mrs. McMillan if she had an overview of her business. Mrs. McMillan stated that she is the owner of Lea's Herbs and for the last five years she has had a booth at the Cedar Point Market. It will be a quiet, owner-run space, good fit for the community and will add to the local economy. She plans to build a community of people interested in wellness and health. Councilmember Cannon said it would be a good fit for Bogue.

Councilmember Crose did not have any questions. Councilmember Dale asked if there would be any sales of vape or CBD? Mrs. McMillan replied not that kind of herb, none of that.

Councilmember Parker said it sounds great. Attorney Boggs asked the council if they wanted those restrictions in the Special Use Permit. Mayor O'Chat said yes, including marking parking spaces and a placard for handicapped parking. Mayor O'Chat said there is a letter from the Planning Board in the packet with their recommendation. Attorney Boggs asked if the small workshops and gatherings would be after hours. Mrs. McMillan said they would be after hours. Mayor O'Chat read the Planning Board recommendation (attached) and asked if there were any additional questions. Mayor O'Chat asked for a motion to come out of Public Hearing. Councilmember Cannon

motioned to come out of Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m., Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilmember Parker motioned to approve the Special Use Permit for Lea's Herbs with restrictions, Councilmember Crose seconded the motion, motion carried. Restrictions to the Special Use Permit are marked parking spaces (five), handicapped parking placard, no CBD, vape or hemp sales of any kind. (see attached SUP).

Mayor O'Chat stated the next item is the draft fiscal year 2026 – 2027 draft budget of which will be voted on at the June 15th meeting, are there any questions. Attorney Boggs asked about the updating of street signs not on the draft budget. Clerk Owens advised that was done in fiscal year 2025 – 2026. Attorney Boggs asked what the hurricane damage line item was last year. Clerk Owens advised that it was thirty thousand dollars. Mayor O'Chat asked if there were any questions about the draft budget. Attorney Boggs asked if there was any information on revaluations. Mayor O'Chat said no. Mayor O'Chat said the last item is the dates for the 2026 Santa Flight. We do not need to decide tonight but will need to nail down a date in June.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$670,375.00

Budget: Clerk Owens stated that the sales tax has been received by the town through March, Property tax through April, vehicle tax through March and Utilities Franchise tax through the fourth quarter.

Planner: two accessory buildings, one on Chimney Branch Road and one on West Hilltop Road

ILA: Mayor O'Chat asked if there was anything new with the ILA. Councilmember Dale said nothing new.

Streets: Mayor O'Chat stated nothing new other than paving for Chimney branch this month.

Emergency Manager: no report.

Town Hall: Councilmember Dale no report.

Events: Councilmember Cannon and Councilmember Parker stated no report.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

There are no miscellaneous reports/announcements.

Mayor O'Chat stated the next Town Council meeting is June 15, 2026.

Adjournment Council member Dale made a motion to adjourn, Council member Parker seconded, town council meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m. with a unanimous vote.

ROBERT O'CHAT, MAYOR

BARBARA OWENS, TOWN CLERK